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Integrated multiomic analysis from chromatin to translation of stimulus-regulated gene activity exposes dominant patterns of nuclear-level control

Running Head: Dynamics in Nuclear Gene Regulatory Control by Hypoxia

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Background
Limitations in molecular oxygen reduce ATP production and dramatically curtail energy demanding processes in eukaryotes. Little is known of the influence of hypoxia on nuclear regulatory mechanisms and their integration with mRNA accumulation and translation. Here we apply multomic technologies to evaluate epigenetic to translational regulation in response to hypoxic stress in seedlings of *Arabidopsis.* We focus on hypoxia-responsive (*HRG*) and *RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN* (*RP*) genes that encode actively and poorly translated mRNAs under hypoxia, respectively.

Results
Evaluation of hypoxia-induced dynamics in eight chromatin readouts including chromatin accessibility, histone modifications, RNA polymerase II (RNAPII) activity plus three RNA populations (nuclear, polyadenylated, and ribosome-associated) identified distinct patterns of nuclear regulation. *HRG*s coordinately increased promoter accessibility, Histone 2A.Z eviction, Histone 3-lysine 9 acetylation, and RNAPII engagement. Many *HRG* promoters were bound by HYPOXIA-RESPONSIVE ETHYLENE RESPONSIVE FACTOR (ERF) 2 (HRE2) or had *cis*-elements targeted by related ERFs. Hypoxia sustained *RP* transcription but the transcripts were largely retained in the nucleus. We discovered heat and oxidative stress genes with pronounced hypoxia-induced RNAPII engagement accompanied by elevated nuclear and ribosome-associated but not polyadenylated transcripts. These heat stress genes had *cis*-elements recognized by HEAT SHOCK FACTOR transcriptional activators, 5' biased histone marks, less H2A.Z eviction and Histone 3-lysine 4 trimethylation than genes bound by HRE2 and coordinately upregulated from transcription through translation. Genes of the circadian cycle, photosynthesis, and development also displayed notable nuclear regulation.

Conclusions
Hypoxia triggers dominant patterns in nuclear regulatory control that differentiate cohorts of genes associated with stress responses and growth.

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Background

The regulated expression of protein coding genes in eukaryotes involves processes within the nucleus including the remodeling of chromatin, recruitment of RNA polymerase II, co-transcriptional processing and the export of mature mRNA to the cytoplasm, after which it may be translated, sequestered or degraded. These processes are modulated in response to conditions that necessitate alterations in metabolism and management of energy reserves to maintain cell viability including oxygen deficiency. In *Arabidopsis thaliana*, cellular hypoxia promotes activation of anaerobic metabolism to sustain cell viability. This involves rapid activation in transcription followed by selective translation of a subset of cellular mRNAs, while others are transiently sequestered and stabilized whereas others are degraded [1–4]. The mRNAs that are well translated under hypoxic stress are not characterized by a sequence element or feature [1,3,4] but are likely to be transcriptionally upregulated by the stress.

Transcriptional activation in response to hypoxia involves the evolutionarily conserved group VII ethylene response factor (ERFVII) transcription factors (TFs) that are required for regulation of metabolism and survival of hypoxia [5–13]. The five members of this family are stabilized under hypoxia, due to attenuation of their oxygen-stimulated targeted proteolysis via the N-end rule pathway [7,8,12,14]. The constitutively synthesized ERFVIIs RELATED TO APETALA 2.2, 2.3, and 2.12 (RAP2.2, RAP2.3, RAP2.12) transactivate hypoxia-responsive gene (*HRG*) promoters in protoplasts [13,15,16] through a conserved *cis*-acting hypoxia-responsive promoter element (HRPE) identifiable in ~50% of the 49 *HRGs* expressed across cell types [7,15,17]. The two additional ERFVIIs, HYPOXIA-RESPONSIVE ERF 1/2 (HRE1/2) only weakly transactivate via the HRPE in protoplasts [15,18], suggesting they interact with a distinct *cis*-element or may otherwise influence gene transcription. Both *HRE1/2* are upregulated by hypoxia along with *ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE 1* (*ADH1*) and *PLANT CYSTEINE OXIDASE 1/2* (*PCO1/2*) that are required for anaerobic metabolism and negatively regulate the anaerobic response by catalyzing the oxygen-stimulated turnover of ERFVIIs, respectively [14,16,19,20].

Transcriptional activation requires access of TFs to specific *cis*-regulatory elements that are typically located near the 5' transcription start site (TSS) of genes and facilitate assembly of an RNAPII initiation complex. The distribution of nucleosomes across a genome can be assessed by DNAse I hypersensitivity site mapping [21,22] or the Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin using sequencing (ATAC-seq) [21]. ATAC-seq leverages a Tn5 transposon that simultaneously inserts adaptor sequences and cleaves DNA in nucleosome-depleted chromatin regions [23]. The depletion of nucleosomes relative to the 5' TSS of each gene is controlled by a cadre of ATP dependent chromatin remodelers and can be influenced by interactions with certain TFs. The spatial distribution of nucleosomes with specific histones in their octamer core is routinely determined by chromatin immunopurification and sequencing (ChIP-seq). TF binding and RNAPII activity are influenced by and influence histone modifications and variants [24,25]. Tri-methylated Histone 3-lysine 27 (H3K27me3) and H3K4me3 are prevalent in the gene body of lowly and actively transcribed genes, respectively [25,26]. Acetylation of Histone H3 lysine residues (H3K9ac, H3K14ac) that reduce interactions between DNA and histones are associated with ongoing transcription [25]; these marks are also correlated with the active transcription of genes during environmental stress in plants [27–29]. Constitutive high levels of the Histone 2A variant H2A.Z are associated with stress-activated

transcription and its presence at the first nucleosome within the gene body may reduce the energy required for commencement of transcriptional elongation on genes activated by elevated temperatures [30–34]. To date, there has been no genome-scale evaluation of coordinated dynamics in chromatin accessibility, histone alterations, transcription, and translation in a plant or other eukaryotes.

As transcription commences, the phosphorylation of specific residues within the heptad repeats of the carboxyl terminal domain (CTD) of RNAPII orchestrate interactions with factors that facilitate transcription-coupled histone modifications as well as co-transcriptional 5' capping, splicing, and polyadenylation of the nascent transcript [35,36]. RNAPII CTD phosphorylation at Serine 2 (Ser2P) demarks active elongation [37]. In animals, pausing of RNAPII downstream of the TSS is common among genes activated by heat stress [38]. Global nuclear run-on sequencing (GRO-seq) on *Arabidopsis* seedlings under optimal growth conditions found limited evidence of promoter-proximal pausing of RNAPII [39] but the mapping of the 5' end of nascent transcripts by Native Elongating Transcript sequencing (NET-seq) [40] indicated that elongation can be rate-limiting shortly after initiation. Both studies found transcription is rate-limited as RNAPII pauses just beyond the site of cleavage and polyadenylation. Nuclear splicing, polyadenylation and export to the cytoplasm is regulated during development and in response to environmental cues, and hypoxia promotes alternative splicing [2,3,17,41], alternative polyadenylation [42], and nuclear retention of transcripts [43] in plants. We hypothesized that the strong hypoxia-induced upregulation of *HRG*s and their prioritization for translation may be associated with specific features of their chromatin or transcriptional activation.

Here, we monitored dynamics in histones, chromatin accessibility, HRE2 binding and RNAPII-Ser2P distribution along gene bodies in response to hypoxic stress in seedlings. These nuclear readouts were compared with dynamics in nuclear RNA (nRNA), polyadenylated RNA (polyA RNA) and ribosome-associated RNA. An integrative analysis exposed distinct patterns of chromatin signatures, *cis*-element enrichment, and temporal regulation of nRNA accompanied by modulation of polyA or translated transcripts. This multiomic analysis provides a rich resource for evaluation of gene activity from epigenetic state and RNAPII activity through translation in a model organism.

Results

A multiscale dataset for analysis of dynamics from chromatin to translation

To better understand dynamics in gene regulatory variation following hypoxic stress, we developed chromatin and RNA-based genome-scale datasets in triplicate for seedlings treated with non-lethal hypoxic stress (2 h, 2HS; 9 h, 9HS) or normoxia (2NS, 9NS) consistent with prior high-throughput analysis of cell-type specific and translational regulation [2,3,17] (Fig. 1a; Figure S1a). The position and abundance of H3K9ac, H3K14ac, H3K4me3, H3K27me3, and H2A.Z was surveyed by ChIP-seq. The capture of nuclei by Isolation of Nuclei Tagged in Specific Cell Types (INTACT) was coupled with mapping of chromatin accessible regions by ATAC-seq [44,45] and ChIP-seq to monitor binding of the TF HRE2 and elongating RNAPII-Ser2P. Three transcript populations were compared including nRNA obtained by INTACT (rRNA subtracted nascent transcriptome [46]), polyA RNA obtained by oligo dT affinity purification (transcriptome) and polyA RNA associated with ribosomes obtained by Translating Ribosome Affinity Purification (TRAP RNA; translatome) [3,47]. The sequence reads mapped across

annotated gene transcripts for each library type and treatment was reproducible but distinguishable by t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding analysis (Fig. 1b) and the distribution of read abundance (Fig. 1c; Figure S1b-c). Because the ATAC-seq reads mapped primarily to non-transcribed regions (Fig 1g) these data were assayed separately. These assays of gene activity were used collectively to explore the integration of nuclear and cytoplasmic gene regulatory processes following hypoxic stress.

Stress- and growth-associated genes contrast in chromatin accessibility, histone, modifications and RNA modulation under hypoxia

For the nucleosome level evaluation, H3K9ac, H3K14ac, H3K4me3, H2A.Z, and H3K27me3 were plotted along each annotated protein-coding gene and global averages were compared for each condition (Fig. 1d; Figure S2a). H3 modifications associated with transcription (H3K9ac, H3K14ac, H3K4me3) and stress-activated transcription (H2A.Z) were enriched just 3' of TSS and tapered off at the primary site of polyadenylation (TES), whereas H3K27me3 was distributed more evenly across gene bodies. Hypoxia had little effect on these modifications at the global level, with the exception of a slight elevation of H3K14ac and reduction of H3K4me3 near the TSS. Meaningful alterations were apparent when histone abundance and distribution was surveyed for two gene cohorts with opposing transcript accumulation and translation under hypoxia, the induced and translated *HRG*s (n=49) and stable but poorly translated cytosolic *RPs* (n=246). *HRGs* significantly increased in H3K9ac and decreased in H2A.Z association at 2HS, with limited change in these marks on *RP*s (Fig. 1e, f; Figure S3a-c). We extended the stress to 9 h (9HS) to evaluate H3K9ac and the more slowly changing H3K14ac associated with active transcription. At the global scale, hypoxia increased H3K9ac on 863 and 3,646 genes and H3K14ac on 2 and 1,216 genes and after brief and prolonged hypoxia, respectively (Figure S1b; Table S2). Notably, H3K14ac but not H3K9ac levels progressively increased on *RPs* (Fig. 1f; Figure S1c; Figure S3a,c).

Next, we evaluated dynamics in chromatin accessibility in genic regions by use of ATAC-seq. Accessibility in 5' promoter regions is associated with depletion of nucleosomes and binding of TFs and other transcriptional machinery [45,48,49], whereas accessibility in 3' flanking regions is associated with formation of chromatin loops and transcriptional termination [50,51]. Our ATAC-seq reads mapped almost exclusively within 1000 bp 5' of the TSS and ~300 bp 3' of the major TES of genes in all four conditions (Fig. 2c). At 2HS the summative ATAC-seq peak height was higher than at 2NS, with the opposite trend observed for 9NS and 9HS (Fig. 2a). With respect to the opposingly regulated *HRGs* and *RP*s, the average ATAC signal within promoters rose by 1.8- and 1.4-fold by 2HS, respectively (Fig. 2b). Chromatin remodeling by the stress was evident from the expansion into more 5' and 3' flanking regions of the *HRG*s at both 2HS and 9HS. We also performed peak-calling to recognize Tn5 hypersensitive insertion sites (THSs) in order to quantify localized dynamics in chromatin accessibility, identifying both constitutively present (8,072) and stress-specific THSs (25,795) (Fig. 2c-f; Table S1a).

To complete our integrative survey of gene activity, we compared the distribution of the $\log_2$ fold change (FC) (2HS/2NS) values of the chromatin, RNAPII and RNA readouts genome-wide and for the *HRG*s and *RP*s (Fig. 3a; Table S2a). We found that stress-induced RNAPII-Ser2P engagement was positively correlated with increased H3K9ac and negatively correlated with H2A.Z eviction as demonstrated by the *HRG*s (global R = -0.27, *HRGs* R = -0.79) (global R

164 = 0.43; *HRGs* R = 0.17; Fig. 3 b,c; Figure S4). *RPs* displayed minor changes in RNAPII-Ser2P
165 association at 2HS, yet H3K14ac and nRNA abundance was elevated at the majority of these
166 genes by 9HS (Fig. 3a; Figure S3c; Table S2a). These results demonstrate patterns of stress-
167 induced epigenetic regulation distinct to stress-induced and growth-associated genes.
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169 **Regulation at nuclear and cytoplasmic scales can be concordant or discordant**
170 To explore possible coordination of transcriptional and posttranscriptional gene regulation in
171 response to hypoxia we performed a systematic analyses of the Ser2P, nRNA, polyA and TRAP
172 RNA datasets. First, we surveyed whether significantly up- and downregulated genes (DRGs)
173 in one readout were similarly regulated in other readouts. Second, we performed gene
174 clustering to group genes that were co-regulated based on one or more readout.
175 A four-way comparison of DRGs identified nRNA with the greatest (1,722) and polyA
176 RNA the fewest (602) up-DRGs (Fig. 4a). The vast majority (92%) of the polyA up-DRGs were
177 upregulated in at least one other readout, whereas only 213 (13%) were significantly elevated in
178 all four readouts. Notably, the coordinately upregulated genes included 38 of the 49 *HRG*s. A
179 parallel analysis found 72% of the polyA down-DRGs were significantly reduced in at least one
180 other dataset, with nRNA again displaying the greatest number of DRGs (down-DRGs: Ser2P
181 [206], nRNA [2,608], polyA [291], TRAP [578]) (Fig. 4b). The lack of consensus in nRNA and
182 polyA transcript dynamics suggests these RNA populations of are not equivalent. Indeed, a
183 pairwise comparison of nRNA and polyA RNA abundance in the 2NS and 2HS samples
184 identified transcripts enriched in the nRNA (nucleus-localized transcripts) and polyA RNA
185 fractions (Figure S5a,b; Table S3).
186 Patterns of differential gene regulation were resolved further by identifying genes that
187 were co-regulated in response to 2HS. Log_2 fold change (FC) values for all DRGs identified in at
188 least one of the four datasets were sorted into 16 groups by partition around medoids (PAM)
189 clustering and evaluated by Gene Ontology (GO) term enrichment (Fig 4c; Table S4a). This
190 identified four clusters of coordinately upregulated (clusters 1-4) and one cluster of coordinately
191 downregulated (cluster 16) genes. Other clusters differed in dynamics in one or more of the
192 readouts. These analyses confirm that hypoxia impacts gene regulatory processes in both the
193 nucleus and cytoplasm. This finding motivated us to consider whether changes in histones were
194 characteristic of the patterns observed in RNAPII-Ser2P and RNA accumulation.
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196 **Patterns of histone alteration are associated with concordant and discordant regulation**
197 To explore associations between regulatory variation at the chromatin, RNAPII and RNA scales,
198 the average signal value for each data type of each cluster was plotted along genic regions (Fig.
199 4d; Figure S6). To appreciate the dynamic regulation of these genes over time, the same
200 clusters were plotted using the 9NS and 9HS chromatin and RNA data (Fig. S7). We found the
201 coordinate (concordant) upregulation of cluster 1-3 gene transcripts at 2HS was accompanied
202 by enhanced chromatin accessibility, eviction of H2A.Z, as well as elevation of H3K9ac and
203 RNAPII-Ser2P across the gene body. The coordinate rise in TRAP RNA level indicated these
204 transcripts were translated in proportion to their increased abundance, as determined previously
205 for the *HRG*s by high-resolution ribosome footprinting analyses [3]. Nearly all *HRGs* were
206 present in the first two clusters, which were enriched for the the GO categories decreased
207 oxygen level (cluster 1, p-adj. $<6.73e^{-22}$) and general stress (cluster 2, $<1.06e^{-21}$) (Table S4a).

208 Genome browser views of two representative *HRGs, ADH1* and *PCO2,* illustrate the coordinate
209 upregulation across the assays of gene activity (Fig. 5a,b).
210 Cluster 4-8 genes were not coordinately upregulated, indicating they are targets of post-
211 transcriptional regulation. The rise in cluster 4 nRNA coincided with elevation of H3K9ac and
212 RNAPII-Ser2P that is indicative of increased transcription, yet this was not accompanied by a
213 similar rise in polyA or TRAP RNA (Fig. 4c; Figure S6). This discordant pattern could reflect
214 nuclear retention or cytoplasmic destabilization of these transcripts. Clusters 6 and 7 genes
215 were elevated primarily in nRNA at 2HS, a pattern that could reflect nuclear retention of
216 previously synthesized transcripts in response to the stress. Yet another pattern was observed
217 for Cluster 8, which was enriched for genes encoding *RPs* ($<8.06e^{-16}$). As noted for the *RP*
218 cohort (Fig 3a,b; Figure S1b), these genes had limited change in H3K9ac but a rise in H3K14ac
219 and nRNA at 2HS and 9HS (Figures S6 and S7), as illustrated by *RPL37B* (Fig. 3a; Fig. 5d;
220 Figure S1b).
221 One of the most intriguing clusters was 9, which was notably distinct for the hypoxia-
222 induced engagement of RNAPII-Ser2P without a similar rise in nRNA or polyA RNA. By
223 comparison to cluster 1, cluster 9 had lower and more 5' skewed H2A.Z at 2NS that was only
224 slightly reduced at 2HS (Fig 4d; Figure S9a). In addition, H3K4me3 association was significantly
225 lower for cluster 9 than cluster 1 at 2HS (Figure S9c,d). The status of cluster 9 gene regulation
226 changed between 2HS and 9HS, at which time their promoter region accessibility was elevated,
227 along with H3K9ac, H3K14ac, nRNA and polyA RNA (Figure S7). Both cluster 2 and 9 genes
228 were enriched for heat (cluster 2, $<7.74e^{-14}$; cluster 9, $<6.20e^{-13}$) and oxidative stress (cluster 2,
229 $<1.13e^{-12}$; cluster 9, $<8.23e^{-11}$). The cluster 2 gene *HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN 70-4* (*HSP70-4*), as
230 an example, displayed a 3.4-fold increase in RNAPII-Ser2P across the genic region with a very
231 limited increase in polyA RNA at 2HS but a pronounced increase by 9HS (Fig. 5c). Notably,
232 TRAP mRNA levels were higher than polyA RNA for *HSP70-4* at 2HS, as observed for *ADH1*
233 and *PCO2*.
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235 **Highly downregulated genes have distinct stimulus-regulated histone modifications**
236 Survey of the down-DRG genes (clusters 10-16) also showed stimulus-driven dynamics of
237 chromatin, RNAPII and RNAs (Fig. 4a; Figure S6). These clusters displayed two dominant
238 patterns. Cluster 10-14 were distinguished by significant reductions in nRNA at 2HS to 9HS that
239 were accompanied by progressive increases in H3K14ac but limited changes in H2A.Z and
240 H3K9ac. By 9HS, levels of H3K14ac had clearly increased in all but cluster 13, particularly near
241 the TSS (Figure S6; Figure S7). Cluster 15 and 16 genes were strongly and coordinately
242 reduced in RNAPII-Ser2P engagement and all three RNA readouts at 2HS (Fig. 4a; Figure S6).
243 This was accompanied by slight elevation of H2A.Z incorporation and a strong decline in
244 H3K9ac, all antithetical to the changes observed for cluster 1-3 (Figure S9a,c). These genes
245 also had limited change in chromatin accessibility. Of the down-DRGs, only clusters 15 and 16
246 were strongly enriched for GO categories, including root development (cluster 15, $<3.7e^{-8}$) and
247 regulation of transcription and RNA biosynthesis (cluster 16, $<7.78e^{-7}$). The reduced
248 transcription and translation of these genes would contribute to energy conservation during
249 hypoxia, as reported for the *RP*s [2]. Despite their opposing regulation, we noted that the most
250 highly up- (cluster 1-2) and down-DRGs (cluster 15-16) were characterized by H3 modifications
251 (H3K4me3, H3K9ac, H3K14ac) broadly distributed along the gene body, as opposed a more 5'

252 biased distribution of H3 and H2A.Z in the other clusters. This indicates that H2A.Z distributed
253 across a gene body limits chromatin accessibility and engagement of RNAPII under non-stress
254 conditions.
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256 **H3K14 acetylation accompanied by limited H3K9 acetylation is characteristic of**
257 **synthesized but nuclear-retained transcripts**
258 To assess the impact of prolonged sub-lethal hypoxic stress we monitored the progressive
259 change in H3K9ac, H3K14ac, nRNA, and polyA RNA at 2HS and 9HS by evaluation of $\log_2$ FC
260 distribution again using multiple methods to visualize these genome-scale data (Fig. 6a,b;
261 Figure S8; Table S2a). H3K9ac and H3K14ac levels were progressively and distinctly altered for
262 the *HRG* and *RP* cohorts (Fig. 6a). We observed a coordinated rise in H3K9ac, nRNA and
263 polyA RNA at 2HS and 9HS for clusters 1b-2b, identifying over 360 genes (38 *HRG*s) that were
264 progressively upregulated. By contrast, we resolved patterns of discordant up- and
265 downregulation between clusters 4b-11b, confirming that regulation of these changed as
266 hypoxia was prolonged. Many genes with elevated nRNA at 9HS were enriched for H3K14ac
267 near their TSS (clusters 2b-8b) (Figure S8), as exemplified by the *RPs* (Fig. 1f). Of the 228
268 cytosolic *RP*s monitored, 149 significantly increased in nRNA abundance at 9HS. Their
269 progressive increase in nRNA demonstrates that genes scored as unchanged or downregulated
270 by polyA transcriptomics may be actively transcribed during the stress but retained in the
271 nucleus as near-full length (non-polyadenylated) nascent or mature transcripts. Other genes
272 were more up- (cluster 6b) or downregulated after 9HS (clusters 8b-11b). Pronounced
273 downregulation at 9HS included the GO categories photosynthesis (cluster 8b, $<5.8e^{-7}$ and
274 $<1.5e^{-6}$), root development (cluster 10b, $<1.7e^{-6}$) and transcription (cluster 11b, $<7.6e^{-6}$) (Table
275 S4b). A key finding was that regulation of transcript abundance may be distinct within the
276 nucleus and the cytoplasm, where the vast majority of polyA RNA is located and undergoes
277 translation, sequestration, or degradation.
278 Notably, genes associated with phasing of the circadian clock were perturbed by
279 prolonged hypoxic stress. This included maintenance of mRNAs with peak abundance towards
280 the end of the light cycle (cluster 6b; evening genes, circadian rhythm $<7.9e^{-10}$) and reduced
281 upregulation of morning gene transcripts. For example, *TIMING OF CAB EXPRESSION* (*TOC1*)
282 and other evening gene polyA RNAs remained elevated after 9HS (Fig. 6c,d). By contrast,
283 transcripts of the key morning expressed clock regulators *CIRCADIAN CLOCK ASSOCIATED 1*
284 (*CCA1*) (cluster 16b) and *LATE ELONGATED HYPOCOTYL* (*LHY*) (cluster 15b) as well as the
285 midday *PSEUDO RESPONSE REGULATOR 7/9* (*PRR7/9*) were dampened in nRNA and/or
286 polyA RNA at 9HS. Thus, hypoxia imposed in at the end of the day extremely delays or arrests
287 the phasing of the circadian cycle. Low energy stress is known to extend the circadian cycle via
288 SnRK1-mediated enhancement of *PPR7* transcriptional activation just prior to dawn [52]. This
289 mechanism, however, does not seem to be relevant when hypoxia is initiated at the end of the
290 light cycle and continued overnight, as *PPR7* nRNA and polyA RNA was significantly lower at
291 9HS relative to 9NS. This difference between the effect of hypoxia and conditions that invoke an
292 energy stress could be our imposition of hypoxia at the end of the light cycle or inclusion of
293 sucrose in the medium.
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295 **Many coordinately hypoxia-upregulated genes are targets of ERFVII regulation**

296 We hypothesized that the 215 coordinately up-DRGs might be transcriptionally activated by the
297 low-oxygen stabilized ERFVIIs. We therefore searched for the presence of the HRPE in genes
298 of each cluster resolved in the 2HS analysis (Fig. 4c) and found it was significantly enriched in
299 cluster 1 promoters (Fig. 7a; Table S5), including the genes with the strongest and most
300 coordinate upregulation. The constitutively expressed ERFVIIs (RAP2.2, RAP2.3 and RAP2.12)
301 activate transcription via the HRPE in transfected protoplasts assays and based on targeted
302 ChIP-qPCR [15,16], whereas the hypoxia-induced ERFs HRE1 and HRE2 do not. Of these,
303 HRE2 is encoded by an *HRG* and is stabilized in seedlings after 2HS [7]. To gain more insight
304 into the role of HRE2, ChIP-seq was performed on 2HS seedlings overexpressing a stabilized
305 version of this ERFVII. Over 75% of the reads mapped within 1 kb upstream of TSSs, with clear
306 enrichment of binding within 500 bp of the TSS (Figure S10; Table S2a). Binding of HRE2 to
307 promoter regions was significant for clusters 1-3 (Fig. 7b). An unsupervised search for motifs
308 enriched in HRE2 peak regions discovered an overrepresented multimeric 5'-GCC-3' element
309 (p-value $<1e^{-351}$) (Fig. 7c; Table S5). This motif did not correspond to the HRPE, rather it
310 resembled the GCC-rich EBP box bound by ERFs including ERFVII RAPs. Indeed, RAP2.12
311 bound a nearly identical motif based on the *in vitro* DNA affinity purification and sequencing
312 (DAP-seq) assay [53] and stabilized RAP2.3 associated *in vivo* with promoter regions with this
313 element based on ChIP-qPCR [54] and bound *in vitro* to DNA oligos with this sequence in
314 electrophoretic mobility shift assays [55]. Although the HRE2 motif was enriched in cluster 1, it
315 was more prevalent than the HRPE in other clusters (Fig. 7c), leading us to consider HRE2
316 binding to a promoter and HRPE presence over the HRE2 motif presence as relevant to
317 hypoxia. The binding of HRE2 to the promoter was observed for 60 of the 49 coordinately
318 upregulated genes, of which 23 contained an HRPE (Fig. 7e; Table S2a). Overall, 50% of the
319 215 coordinately up-DRGs were bound by HRE2 in their promoter region or are likely RAP-
320 ERFVII targets based on the presence of an HRPE in their promoters (Fig. 7e). These results
321 support the conclusion that many of the coordinately up-DRGs are transcriptionally activated by
322 one or more ERFVII.
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324 **Hypoxic-stress progressively activates genes in heat and oxidative stress networks**
325 The regulatory variation of oxidative stress and heat response genes displayed at 2HS in
326 clusters 2-3 and 9 was of interest as genes in these categories are upregulated by rapid onset
327 anoxia or prolonged hypoxia [2,3,17,41,56]. Both the onset of hypoxia and reoxygenation trigger
328 a reactive oxygen species (ROS) burst that contributes to signaling [57]. The upregulation of
329 *RESPIRATORY BURST OXIDASE* (*RBOH*) genes including *RBOHD* contributes to survival of
330 hypoxia, submergence and post-submergence recovery [58–61]. The relationship between
331 hypoxia and heat stress is not clearly understood but a brief heat shock protects *Arabidopsis*
332 seedlings from anoxia via cooperative action of the HEAT SHOCK FACTOR (HSF)
333 transcriptional activators HSFA1A/B and HSFA2 [56,62]. Elevation of RNAPII-Ser2P without a
334 commensurate increase in polyA RNA was characteristic of *HSP*s, *RBOH*s and transcriptional
335 co/activators associated with heat and oxidative stress (i.e., *MULTIPROTEIN BRIDGING*
336 *FACTOR 1C* (*AtMBP1C*), *DEHYDRATION-RESPONSIVE 2A* (*DREB2A*), *ZINC FINGER*
337 *PROTEIN 12* (*ZAT12*)).
338 Because strong and coordinate upregulation of genes in response to hypoxia was
339 associated with activation by ERF-VIIs, we considered that the more gradual activation of

340 cluster 9 genes may be mediated by members of HSF transcriptional activators. This led to the
341 discovery that clusters 2 and 3 included several *HSF*s that were elevated in TRAP RNA at 2HS
342 (*HSFA2, HSFA4A,* and *HSFA7A*) and HSF *cis*-elements (HSEs) were significantly enriched in
343 promoters of cluster 2, 3 and 9 genes (Fig. 7d). The pronounced increase in RNAPII-Ser2P
344 engagement on these genes at 2HS corresponded with a rise in nRNA but limited elevation of
345 polyA RNA at either 2HS and 9HS (Figure S11). These genes were distinguishable from the
346 HRE2-bound up-DRGs by a (1) 5' bias in nucleosomes across gene bodies, (2) more 5'
347 localized H2A.Z that was less dramatically evicted by 2HS, (3) reduced H3K4me3, (4) increased
348 H3K14ac that preceded the rise in H3K9ac, (5) and an increase in nRNA not necessarily
349 mirrored in polyA RNA. Collectively, these results resolve patterns of nuclear gene regulatory
350 control that distinguish stress-activated genes regulated by different transcriptional activators.
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352 **Discussion**
353 **Gene regulation in response to hypoxic stress involves regulation of chromatin,**
354 **transcription, and post-transcriptional processes in the nucleus and cytoplasm**
355 This study assembled a dataset of genome-wide measurements of chromatin state and
356 intermediary steps of gene expression in seedlings exposed to sub-lethal hypoxic stress and
357 identified time-dependent chromatin and transcript dynamics, the latter not captured by standard
358 transcriptomics. We found that hypoxic stress modulates the (1) position and degree of open
359 chromatin near the TSS, (2) trimethylation and acetylation of H3 lysines, (3) eviction of H2A.Z,
360 (4) engagement of RNAP II-Ser2P, and (5) the abundance of nuclear, polyadenylated and
361 ribosome-associated gene transcripts. Here, we demonstrate that steady-state nuclear and
362 polyA transcriptomes are distinct, as shown by a similar comparison for rice [46]. Our findings of
363 translational regulation are also consistent previous reports [1,63,64]. The use of RNAPII-Ser2P
364 association as a proxy for transcriptional elongation suggests that global levels of transcription
365 were not dramatically dampened by 2HS (Fig. 1c), although there was considerable regulation
366 of individual genes (Fig 1c; Fig. 4c). Remarkably, we discovered that less than 10% of all DRGs
367 were coordinately up- or downregulated at 2HS from transcription (RNAPII-Ser2P) through
368 translation. Four patterns of discontinuous gene regulation were apparent: (1) partial
369 upregulation, characterized by high RNAPII-Ser2P engagement and delayed elevation of polyA
370 RNA, as observed for many heat and oxidative stress genes, (2) compartmentalized
371 downregulation, characterized by maintained RNAPII-Ser2P engagement and increased nRNA
372 abundance with limited change in polyA RNA, as observed for *RP*s; and (3) enhanced or
373 reduced translational status, measured by comparison of TRAP RNA and polyA RNA
374 abundance as described previously [2,3,17]. We also identified variations in nuclear regulation
375 (chromatin accessibility, histone modification, RNAPII engagement and nRNA abundance) that
376 were a talisman of changes in polyA RNA abundance and translation.
377
378 **Coordinate upregulation of hypoxia-responsive genes is characterized by nucleosome**
379 **dynamics associated with histone modification, histone variant eviction, and increased**
380 **chromatin accessibility**
381 Hypoxia affected the position, composition, and modifications of specific histones of
382 nucleosomes. The genes that were coordinately upregulated at the level of RNAPII-Ser2P
383 engagement through ribosome association included the *HRG*s critical to low-oxygen stress

384 survival [7,13,15–17,65]. The strong and coordinate upregulation of *HRG*s was characterized by
385 pronounced eviction of H2A.Z and enrichment of H3K9ac across the gene body as well as
386 elevation of chromatin accessibility RNAP-Ser2P engagement, nRNA, polyA and ribosome-
387 associated mRNAs (Fig. 8). The co-transcriptional histone acetyltransferase (HAT)-catalyzed
388 placement of a positive charge on the N-terminus of H3K9 is considered a reliable signature of
389 active transcription [27] and is common for stress-activated genes [28,29,66].
390 In animals, the H3K9ac modification is promoted by the presence of H3K4me3 and
391 stimulates the recruitment of the super elongation complex for release of poised RNAPII
392 complexes [38]. Although H3K4me3 generally rose on *HRG*s in response to 2HS, it was not as
393 strongly correlated with RNAPII-Ser2P engagement as H3K9ac (Fig 3b; Figure S4d), raising the
394 possibility that the co-upregulated genes may be activated by releasing polymerase pausing.
395 This could relate to the stress-activated eviction of H2A.Z that is broadly distributed across
396 these gene bodies at 2NS. The presence of H2A.Z in nucleosomes of gene bodies is associated
397 with limited transcription [30,31] and its eviction is characteristic of temperature-responsive
398 genes [30–34].
399 The mechanisms of H2A.Z deposition, eviction, and the impact on transcriptional
400 regulation are complex and not fully understood. This process requires ACTIN-RELATED
401 PROTEIN 6 (ARP6), a component of the SWR1 remodeling complex complex, and other factors
402 in *Arabidopsis* [26,67]. Yet disruption of H2A.Z deposition in an *arp6* mutant has limited effect
403 on regulation of *HRG*s under aerated growth conditions [34]. Other chromatin remodeling
404 proteins or specific TFs could be important. In response to small increases in temperature;
405 displacement of H2A.Z was facilitated by HSF1A in the activation of the heat response network
406 [32]. H2A.Z eviction from *HRG*s could involve ERFVIIs. Indeed, RAP2.2 reportedly interacts with
407 the SWI-SNF remodeler BRAHMA leading to the hypothesis that it that may contribute to H2A.Z
408 eviction or chromatin remodeling associated with increased chromatin accessibility [68]. Of the
409 >200 coordinately up-DRGs, 69 had one or more HRPE within 1 kb of their TSS and many
410 bound by HRE2 at 2HS (Fig. 7e; Table S2). RAP2.12 is stabilized and nuclear localized as
411 external oxygen levels decline below 10 kPa [69]. The stabilization of RAP2.12 and other
412 ERFVIIs may coordinate RNAPII initiation and facilitate H2A.Z eviction to promote productive
413 transcription that is coupled with H3K9 acetylation. If ERFVIIs interact with the ATP-dependent
414 chromatin remodeling machinery, they could also contribute to the stabilization or expansion of
415 regions of accessible chromatin to facilitate high levels of transcriptional activation, resulting in
416 transcripts that are efficiently processed, exported and translated under hypoxia. This
417 continuum of effective upregulation from transcription to translation is reminiscent of the
418 production of translationally competent mRNAs during nutrient starvation in yeast that is
419 associated with specific transcription factors [70].
420
421 **Genes associated with heat and oxidative stress are progressively activated by hypoxia**
422 The stress distinctly activated genes associated with heat and oxidative stress. The progressive
423 upregulation of genes in cluster 9 (Fig. 4c; Figure S7) became more evident when their activity
424 was compared at 2HS and 9HS with two chromatin and two RNA readouts (Fig. 7g). A
425 significant proportion of these genes had HSEs within their promoters (Fig. 7d). Their pattern of
426 regulatory variation included a 5' bias in histone marks and moderate to very high RNAPII-
427 Ser2P engagement at 2HS accompanied by elevated nRNA and TRAP RNA, but little to no full-

428 length polyA RNA (Fig. 8). The increase in H3K9ac, H3K14ac and nRNA confirms these are
429 progressively upregulated by hypoxia, whereas the pronounced 3' bias in polyA RNA suggests
430 susceptibility to 5' to 3' degradation, as evident for *HSP70-4* (Fig. 5) and other members of
431 cluster 9 (Figure S11).
432 Previously, heat stress-responsive genes were recognized as highly induced in
433 *Arabidopsis* seedlings directly transferred to anoxia [56,62]. Remarkably, a brief pre-treatment
434 with heat stress increased the resilience to anoxia of wild-type seedlings but not loss-of-function
435 *hsfa2* or *hsf1a hsf1b* mutant seedlings [71]. This is enigmatic because high temperatures do not
436 typically precede flooding in natural environments, but the availability of HSPs could reduce
437 cellular damage under extreme stress conditions such as anoxia. Indeed, *HSPs* were plentiful in
438 cluster 9. The limited synthesis of ATP-dependent chaperones during early hypoxia by nuclear
439 sequestration/physical compartmentalization of their transcripts could minimize demands on
440 limited energy reserves. However, as the stress is prolonged or upon reoxygenation, the
441 synthesis of chaperones and proteins that provide protection from ROS could aid survival.
442 The nucleosome dynamics of cluster 2 and 9 genes included similar modifications with
443 notable exceptions (Fig. 4c,d; Figures S7 and S11). Genes of both clusters underwent a loss of
444 H2A.Z near the TSS of the gene body in conjunction with increased H3K9ac, but cluster 9
445 showed a loss of H3K4me3 proximal to the TSS that was not evident for cluster 2 or other
446 genes with strong coordinate upregulation. The decrease in H3K4me3 may be an indication of
447 non-productive RNAPII-Ser2P engagement, as this modification is associated with RNAPII
448 elongation [72,73]. We found a significant enrichment of HSEs in the promoters of both rapidly
449 and progressively upregulated genes (Fig. 7d). The heat-mediated upregulation of *HSFA2*
450 (cluster 2) but not *HSFB1* (cluster 9) is dependent on recruitment of ANTI-SILENCING
451 FUNCTION 1 that was associated with RNAPII engagement [74]. We predict that recruitment of
452 specific TFs and chromatin modifying enzymes may influence histone or RNAPII CTD
453 modifications that have ramifications on the rate of RNAPII elongation, termination, or post-
454 transcriptional processing, thereby tuning the timing and production of cohorts of stress induced
455 transcripts. The progressive upregulation of heat and oxidative stress networks could be
456 mediated by the upregulation of TF genes encoding HSFs (i.e., HSFB2B) and ZINC FINGER
457 PROTEIN 10 (ZAT10), and others during the early hours of the stress. Our datasets provide an
458 opportunity for further meta-analyses of heat and oxidative stress gene regulatory networks.
459
460 **Transcription of genes associated with major cellular processes during hypoxia**
461 Intriguing patterns of transcriptional and RNA regulation of genes associated with cellular
462 housekeeping became evident from our multi-tier evaluation (Fig. 8). Our prior comparisons of
463 the transcriptome and translatome determined that hypoxic stress limits the investment of
464 energy into the production of abundant cellular machinery such as ribosomes. mRNAs encoding
465 *RPs* and some other abundant proteins are maintained but poorly translated under hypoxic
466 stress [1–4]. This stress-limited translation of *RP*s is associated with their sequestration in
467 UBP1C-associated macromolecular complexes [4]. Upon reoxygenation, *RP* mRNAs became
468 rapidly associated with polysomes [2–4]. Although nuclear run-on transcription assays
469 demonstrated that transcription of housekeeping genes continues during hypoxia in roots of
470 maize seedlings [75], it was not known if *RP*s or other *UBP1C*-sequestered mRNAs continue to
471 be synthesized during hypoxia in *Arabidopsis* seedlings. Here, the profiling of RNAP-Ser2P and

472 nRNA confirmed that genes encoding RPs, metabolic enzymes and some photosynthetic
473 apparatus are synthesized and retained as partially or completely processed transcripts in the
474 nucleus during hypoxia (Fig. 6, *e.g.,* cluster 8b), regulatory variation characterized by
475 progressive increase in H3K14ac but not H3K9ac. The cause of the limited increase in polyA
476 RNA is unknown but could be due to limited cleavage and polyadenylation. The uncoupling of
477 the H3K9ac and H3K14ac marks associated with active transcription but limited polyA RNA
478 accumulation was reported in pluripotent embryonic stem cells of mice on a cohort of promoters
479 deemed inactive but primed for future activation [76]. We propose that many housekeeping
480 genes continue to be transcribed and accumulate in the nucleus during the stress. This
481 compartmentalized downregulation may poise cells for the observed rapid recovery of the
482 transcriptome and translatome upon reoxygenation [2,4].
483 Our genome-scale analysis support evidence of nuclear retention of transcripts that was
484 visualized in response to hypoxic stress in *Arabidopsis* and lupine [43]. Moreover, mRNAs
485 associated with the cell cycle are enriched in the nucleus under control conditions in
486 *Arabidopsis [77].* Our comparison of the nRNA and polyA RNA transcriptomes (Figure S5)
487 validated the bias in nuclear enrichment of transcripts associated with the cell cycle (Figure S5),
488 firmly indicating nuclear export is a point of regulation under control and stress conditions.
489 During hypoxia, enhanced nuclear compartmentalization of the abundant transcripts associated
490 with ribosome biogenesis, primary metabolism and photosynthesis would contribute to energy
491 conservation by limiting translation, similar to the cytoplasmic sequestration associated with
492 UBP1C. Nuclear retention and cytoplasmic sequestration could provide two reservoirs of
493 transcripts that can be deployed upon reaeration, enabling rapid restoration of cellular
494 processes. The RNA helicase eIF4AIII [78] as well as the RNA binding proteins UBP1A/B/C and
495 the *HRG*-encoded CML38 form macromolecular ribonucleoprotein complexes that are primarily
496 cytoplasmic but also present within the nucleus in response to hypoxia [4,79]. These complexes
497 could orchestrate the nuclear co- and post-transcriptional processes during the stress. Hypoxia
498 promotes alternative splicing including intron retention [3] and alternative polyadenylation site
499 selection [42] and some of these transcripts are found in association with ribosomes.
500 Nonetheless, there is no clear evidence of a general disruption of splicing or polyadenylation by
501 hypoxia [3,42,78]. Further experimentation is required to understand the mechanisms
502 responsible for the distinctive elevation in H3K14ac and nuclear-retained transcripts observed
503 for many genes under hypoxic stress.
504
505 **An ERFVII hierarchy drives transcriptional activation in response to hypoxia**
506 This study included the first genome-wide analysis of the *cis*-element targets of an ERFVII.
507 Enigmatically, ChIP-seq of the hypoxia-induced ERFVII HRE2 led to the identity of a multimeric
508 GCC *cis*-element that did not correspond to the HRPE found in many *HRG*s and sufficient for
509 transactivation by RAP ERFVIIs in protoplasts [15]. The HRE2 binding motif strongly resembled
510 the double GCC motif of the EBP box first defined for an ERF of *Nicotiana tabacum* [80].
511 Strikingly, RAP2.3 was shown to bind the *ACID INSENSITIVE 5* (*ABI5*) promoter in the region of
512 its two EBP boxes and transactivation of the *ABI5* promoter was demonstrated in protoplasts by
513 all three constitutively expressed ERFVIIs (RAP2.2/2.3/2.12) in an EBP box-dependent manner
514 [54]. It remains to be determined if HRE2 binds directly to the HRPE *in planta*, as neither HRE1
515 or HRE2 interacted with a 33 bp region containing the HRPE in a Yeast-1 hybrid assay, and

516 both provided 40-fold lower transactivation via the HRPE in protoplasts than the RAP-ERFs
517 [15]. This supports the conclusion that these these two subgroups of ERFVIIs are not
518 genetically redundant. Yet the predicted HRPE contains 5'-GCC-3' followed by a lower
519 frequency 5'-GCC-3' and perhaps more significantly, the 33 bp sequence used to define the
520 HRPE contained a tandem 5'-GCC-3'. In addition we found that promoter regions with high
521 scores for the HRPE and HRE2 motif coincided in 40 of the 213 coordinately upregulated
522 genes, of which 13 were bound at 2HS by HRE2. Finally, the region of the *Arabidopsis ADH1*
523 promoter that is necessary and sufficient for hypoxic upregulation contains both of these motifs,
524 as discussed by [15]. Our data do not conflict with the model that the low-oxygen-mediated
525 stabilization of the constitutively-expressed RAP-type ERFVIIs is responsible for rapid
526 transactivation of *HRG*s that include *HRE2* [81,82], which is synthesized and stabilized under
527 hypoxia [7]. It seems likely that HRE2 production and binding to promoters may bolster
528 upregulation of HRGs, as an *hre1 hre2* double mutant fails to maintain the upregulation of these
529 genes after 4 h of anoxia [83]. Still, further analyses are required to more fully comprehend the
530 independent or overlapping roles of the low abundant HRE2 and RAP-type ERFVIIs in the
531 temporal activation of transcription in response to hypoxia.
532 In mammalian systems, the response to hypoxia involves regulation of histone
533 modifications and transcriptional activity [84]. The similarity to plants is remarkably analogous.
534 Hypoxia-responsive genes are activated by the two-subunit Hypoxia Inducible Factor (HIF)
535 transcription factor complex, that includes the oxygen-destabilized HIF1A subunit [85]. Similar
536 to the three RAP-ERFVIIs, HIF1A is a constitutively synthesized protein that is unstable when
537 oxygen is replete. It is the oxygen-dependent activity of a group of prolylhydroxlases that govern
538 the hydroxylation of specific residues of HIF1A that triggers its oxygen-dependent ubiquitylation
539 and protoeasome-mediated turnover. In animals, the chromatin landscape is additionally
540 regulated through chromatin accessibility [86] and the post-translational modification of histones
541 [87] in an oxygen-sensitive manner. It has been shown that HIF signaling itself directly
542 mediates histone modification of target genes through the interaction with chromatin modifying
543 enzymes [84]. Additionally, several histone modifying enzymes are directly targeted by HIF
544 transcriptional activation, and HIF1A expression itself is regulated by histone acetylation [88],
545 confirming the integration of epigenetic regulation. The analogy of low-oxygen stabilized
546 transcriptional regulators and their coordination with chromatin modifications hints of convergent
547 mechanisms of hypoxia signaling in plants and animals. Indeed, this may extend in a concerted
548 manner beyond transcriptional regulation as cytoplasmic sequestration and selective translation
549 of mRNAs is also observed in plants and metazoa [2,3,89,90]. It remains to be explored if
550 hypoxia influences the synthesis and accumulation of nascent transcripts associated with
551 growth in animals, as demonstrated in this multiomic analysis of *Arabidopsis*.
552
553 **Conclusions**
554 This deep investigation into gene regulatory processes in hypoxic stress revealed distinct
555 regulation within the nucleus that fine tune cellular and physiological acclimation to transient
556 deficiencies in oxygen availability. We determined that rapid regulation of the epigenome in
557 response to short-term hypoxic stress continues as the stress becomes more severe.
558 Coordinate regulation from chromatin accessibility, to RNAPII engagement, polyadenylated
559 mRNA accumulation, and translation is observed for over 200 hypoxia-upregulated genes, while

560 more discontinuous upregulation of nascent transcript production, export to the cytoplasm, and
561 recruitment to ribosomes is observed for other gene cohorts. These findings uncover dynamic
562 patterns of nuclear gene activity control that operate in response to an environmental challenge.
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564 **Methods**
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566 **Genetic Material**
567 The following genotypes were used for genome wide experiments: Col-0, Histone modification
568 ChIP-seq, RNAP II ChIP-seq; *pHTA11:HTA11-3xFLAG [32]*, H2A.Z ChIP-seq;
569 *pUBQ10:NTF/pACT2:BirA [21]*, ATAC-seq, nRNA-seq, polyA mRNA-seq; *p35S:HF-RPL18* [47],
570 TRAP-seq, mRNA-seq; and HRE ChIP-seq *p35S:C2A-HRE2-HA* [7].
571
572 **Growth and Treatment Conditions**
573 Arabidopsis seeds were surface sterilized by incubation in 70% EtOH for 5 min, followed by
574 incubation in 20% (v/v) bleach, 0.01% (v/v) TWEEN-20, followed by three washes in ddH_2O for
575 5 min, in triplicate. Sterilized seeds were placed onto 1x MS media (1.0x Murishige Skoog (MS)
576 salts, 0.4% (w/v) Phytagel (Sigma-Aldrich), and 1% (w/v) Suc, pH 5.7) in 9 cm^2 Petri dishes and
577 stratified by incubation at 4°C for 3 d in complete darkness. Following stratification, plates were
578 placed vertically into a growth chamber (Percival) with 16 h light / 8 h dark cycle at ~120 µmol
579 photons$\cdot s^{-1} \cdot m^{-2}$, at 23 ^{o}C for 7 d.
580
581 **Seedling Treatments**
582 For hypoxic stress, seedlings were removed from the growth chamber at Zeitgeber time (ZT) 16
583 and were subjected to hypoxic stress by bubbling argon gas into sealed chambers in complete
584 darkness for 2 or 9 h at 24 ^{o}C. The chamber set-up was as described by [2]. Oxygen partial
585 pressure in the chamber was measured with the NeoFox Sport O_2 sensor and probe (Ocean
586 Optics). Hypoxia ($[O_2] < 2\%$) was attained within 15 min of initiation of the stress. Control
587 samples were placed in an identical chamber that was open to ambient air under the same light
588 and temperature conditions. Post hypoxia aeration was achieved by removing plates from the
589 chamber and placing them into identical chambers in ambient air. Tissue was rapidly harvested
590 into liquid N_2 and stored at -80 ^{o}C.
591
592 **Chromatin Immunopurification (ChIP)**
593 ChIP was performed according to [44] with minor modifications. Seedlings were grown on Petri
594 dishes and treated as described above. For the HRE2 ChIP experiments, seedlings were pre-
595 treated by flooding with 10 mL of 100 µM Calpain inhibitor IV (American Peptide) and 1% (v/v)
596 DMSO for 2 h prior to the hypoxia treatment. For all genotypes, following hypoxia treatment,
597 seedlings were immediately cross-linked in 1% (v/v) formaldehyde nuclei purification buffer
598 (NPB: 20 mM MOPS, pH 7.0, 40 mM NaCl, 90 mM KCl, 2 mM EDTA, and 0.5 mM EGTA) in a
599 vacuum chamber under house vacuum for 10 min. The reaction was quenched by addition of
600 5M glycine to reach a concentration of 125 mM followed by vacuum infiltration for 5 min. This
601 was followed by three washes in 30 mL ddH_2O. Seedlings were blotted dry and then pulverized
602 under liquid N_2. To isolate nuclei, 0.5 g tissue was thawed to 4°C in 10 mL NPB that additionally
603 contained 0.5 mM spermidine, 0.2 mM spermine, and 1 X Plant Protease Inhibitor Cocktail

604 (Sigma-Aldrich P9599). Nuclei were pelleted by centrifugation in 4°C at 1200*g* for 10 min. The
605 nuclei were washed in 10 mL NPBt (NPB, 0.1% Triton X-100) and pelleted by centrifugation in
606 4°C at 1200*g* for 10 min in triplicate. Following the final NPBt wash, the supernatant was
607 aspirated and the nuclei pellet was resuspended in 120 µL NPB, and lysed with the addition of
608 120 µL 2X nuclei lysis buffer (NLB: 100 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 20 mM EDTA, 2% [w/v] SDS, and 2X
609 Plant Protease Inhibitor Cocktail) by vortexing for 2 min at 24 ºC. The chromatin was sheared
610 into 200 to 600 bp fragments by sonication (Diagenode, Denville, NJ) with 33 cycles of 30 s ON
611 and 30 s OFF at 4°C. The sample was cleared by centrifugation at 16,000*g* at 4°C for 2 min and
612 the supernatant was diluted ten-fold with dilution buffer (DB: 16.7 mM Tris, pH8.0, 167 mM
613 NaCl, 1.1% (v/v) Triton X-100, 1.2 mM EDTA). The entire chromatin fraction was precleared by
614 incubation with uncoupled Protein G Dynabeads (ThermoFisher) for 30 min followed by
615 collection of the supernatant. Three hundred microliters of the input chromatin (1 mL for HRE2)
616 was incubated with 3 µL of anti-H3K4me3 (ab8580, Abcam), anti-H3K27me3 (07-449, EMD
617 Millipore), anti-H3K9ac (ab4441, Abcam), anti-H3K14ac (ab52946, Abcam), anti-p-CTD RNA
618 Polymerase II (ab5095, Abcam), anti-FLAG (F1804, Sigma), or anti-HA (h3663, Sigma) for 4 h
619 (overnight for HRE2) while rocking at 4ºC. Protein G Dynabeads (30 µL) were washed in DB,
620 added to the chromatin fraction and allowed to incubate for 2 h while rocking at 4ºC. Beads
621 were magnetically captured and washed sequentially in 1 mL for 5 min with four buffers: low
622 $NaCl_2$ wash buffer (20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% [w/v] SDS, 1% [v/v] Triton X-100,
623 2mM EDTA), high $NaCl_2$ wash buffer (20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 500 mM $NaCl_2$, 0.1% [w/v] SDS, 1%
624 [v/v] Triton X-100, 2mM EDTA), LiCl wash buffer (10 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 250 mM LiCl, 1% [w/v]
625 sodium deoxycholate, 1% [v/v] Nonidet P-40, 1 mM EDTA), and standard TE buffer (10 mM
626 Tris, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA). The beads were then washed twice with 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0 and
627 resuspended in 25 µL of tagmentation reaction mix (10 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 10% [w/v]
628 dimethylformamide) containing 1 µL of Tagment DNA Enzyme (Illumina) and incubated at 37ºC
629 for 1 minute. Beads were washed twice with low $NaCl_2$ wash buffer and then once in standard
630 TE buffer. The chromatin was eluted from the beads by heating for 15 min at 65°C in elution
631 buffer (EB: 100 mM $NaHCO_3$ and 1% [w/v] SDS) and reverse cross-linked by the addition of 20
632 µL 5 M $NaCl_2$ with heating at 65°C overnight. Following reverse cross-linking, Proteinase K (0.8
633 units; New England Biolabs) was added and the sample was incubated at 55°C for 15 min. The
634 final tagged ChIP-DNA sample was purified using Qiagen MinElute columns according to the
635 manufacturer's instructions and eluted with 14 µL of EB.
636
637 **ChIP-seq Library Preparation**
638 Library preparation for short-read sequencing (ChIP-seq) with tagmentation was performed
639 according to [92], with minor modifications. Final library enrichment was performed in a 50 µL
640 reaction containing 12 µL ChIP DNA, 0.75 µM primers, and 25 µL 2X NEBNext PCR Master
641 Mix. To determine the appropriate amplification cycle number, a qPCR reaction was performed
642 on 1 µL of tagmented ChIP DNA in a 10 µL reaction volume containing 0.15 µM primers, 1X
643 SybrGreen (ThermoFisher), and 5 µL 2X NEBNext PCR Master Mix (New England Biolabs) with
644 the following program: 72ºC for 5 min, 98ºC for 30 s, 24 cycles of 98ºC for 10 s, 63ºC for 30 s,
645 72ºC for 30 s, and a final elongation at 72ºC for 1 min. Libraries were amplified for *n* cycles,
646 where *n* is equal to the rounded up Cq value determined in the qPCR reaction. Amplified
647 libraries were purified and size selected using SPRI AMPure XP beads (Beckman). AMPure XP

648 beads were added at a 0.7:1.0 bead to sample ratio, and the remaining DNA was recovered by
649 the addition of AMPure XP beads at a 2.0:1.0 bead to sample ratio and eluted in 13 µL of EB.
650 Quantification of the final libraries was performed with Quant-iT PicoGreen (ThermoFisher), and
651 library fragment distribution was evaluated by use of the the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer using the
652 high sensitivity DNA chip. Final libraries were multiplexed to >5 nM final concentration and
653 sequenced on the HiSeq 3000/4000 at the UC Davis DNA Technologies Core.
654
655 **Isolation of Nuclei Tagged in Specific Cell Types (INTACT)**
656 INTACT was performed according to [44] with modifications. Frozen pulverized tissue (0.5 g) of
657 *pUBQ:NTF/pACT2:BirA* seedlings was thawed in 10 mL of cold NPB buffer and filtered through
658 30 µm filters (Sysmex). Nuclei were pelleted by centrifugation at 1200*g* for 7 min at 4°C, and
659 the nuclear pellet was resuspended and washed twice in NPB containing 0.1% (v/v) Tween-20
660 (NPBt), and the washed pellet was resuspended in 1 mL of NPB. M280 Streptavidin
661 Dynabeads (10 µL; Invitrogen) washed with 1 mL NPB and resuspended in the original volume
662 were added to the nuclei and the sample was allowed to rock for 30 min at 4°C. The bead-
663 nuclei mixture was diluted to 14 mL with NPBt and incubated with rocking for 30 s at 4°C. The
664 beads were magnetically collected, the supernatant removed, the beads washed twice with
665 NPBt, and resuspended in 1 mL of NPBt. A 25 µL fraction was removed to quantify nuclei
666 following addition of 1 µL of 1.0 µg/µL Propidium Iodide following incubation on ice for 5 min
667 before visualization and quantification with a C-Chip hemocytometer (Incyto) using a
668 fluorescence microscope.
669
670 **Assay for Transposase Accessible Chromatin (ATAC)**
671 Fifty-thousand INTACT-purified nuclei from root tissue were magnetically captured. Any
672 remaining NPB was removed and the nuclei were resuspended in 50 µL of transposition mix (1X
673 TD buffer, 2.5 µL TDE1 transposase) and were incubated for 30 min at 37°C with occasional
674 mixing. The transposed DNA was purified with Qiagen MinElute PCR purification columns, and
675 the purified DNA was eluted in 11 µL of EB. For library construction, a reaction was prepared to
676 amplify the sample in a two step process. The reaction was assembled containing transposed
677 DNA (10 µL), 5 µM Ad1.1 and an indexing primer [23], 1X NEBNext High Fidelity PCR mix and
678 cycled in the following program: 72°C 5 min; 98°C 30 s; 3 cycles of 98°C 10 s, 63°C 30s, 72°C 1
679 min; 4°C and the samples were placed on ice. Then a qPCR was performed using an aliquot of
680 the amplified library with the following program: 98°C for 30 s; 20 cycles of 98°C for 10 s, 63°C
681 for 30 s, 72°C for 1 min. The original PCR reaction was resumed for *n* additional cycles, where
682 *n* is the cycle at which the qPCR reaction was at 1/3 of its maximum fluorescence intensity.
683 Amplified DNA was then purified with Qiagen MinElute PCR purification columns and eluted in
684 20 µL of EB. Amplified libraries were purified and size selected for fragments between 200 to
685 600 bp using SPRI AMPure XP beads (Beckman). AMPure XP beads were added at a 0.55:1.0
686 bead to sample ratio, and the remaining DNA was recovered by the addition of AMPure XP
687 beads at a 1.55:1.0 bead to sample ratio and eluted in 13 µL of EB. Library concentration was
688 determined using the NEBNext (New England Biolabs) library quantification kit. Final libraries
689 were multiplexed to >5 nM final concentration and sequenced on the HiSeq 3000/4000 at the
690 UC Davis DNA Technologies Core.
691

692 **INTACT followed by Nuclear RNA Extraction**
693 Fifty-thousand INTACT-purified nuclei were collected magnetically and the supernatant was
694 removed, and resuspended in 20 µL of NPB. Nuclear RNA was extracted and purified using the
695 Qiagen RNeasy Micro kit, and eluted in 20 µL of H_2O. The RNA was then DNaseI digested with
696 with 1 µL (2U/µL) of Turbo DNAseI (Ambion) and incubated for 30 min at 37°C. DNaseI was
697 inactivated by adding EDTA to 15 mM, and heated at 75°C for 10 min, centrifuged at 2000*g* for
698 5 min and transferred to a new tube. The RNA was then purified using AMPure XP beads, and
699 eluted in 15 µL H_2O. Ribosomal RNA was depleted from the sample using the plant Ribo-Zero
700 rRNA removal kit (Illumina) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
701
702 **Total RNA Isolation and PolyA RNA Affinity Purification**
703 Total RNA was extracted from 50 mg frozen pulverized tissue by addition of 800 µL Trizol (Life
704 Sciences) and incubation for 5 min at room temperature. Chloroform (200 µL) was added and
705 the sample briefly vortexed and incubated at room temperature for 3 min. Following incubation,
706 the samples were centrifuged at 12,000*g* for 15 min at 4°C, and the clear phase was transferred
707 to a new tube. RNA was precipitated by addition of 500 µL isopropanol, vortexing briefly, and
708 incubation at room temperature for 10 min, and pelleted by centrifugation at 12,000*g* for 10 min
709 at 4°C. Purified RNA was resuspended in 50 µl EB and DNAseI digested with 2.5 µL of
710 TURBO DNaseI (Ambion) for 30 min at 37°C. DNaseI was inactivated by addition of EDTA to
711 15 mM and heat treatment at 75°C for 10 min. The RNA was pelleted by centrifugation at
712 2000*g* for 5 min and transferred to a new tube. The RNA was then purified using AMPure XP
713 beads, and eluted in 50 µL H_2O. For polyA RNA selection, the total RNA sample was heated for
714 2 min at 65°C and placed on ice, after which 50 µl of Dynabeads Oligo $(dT)_{25}$ pre-washed with
715 wash buffer (WB: 10 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 150 mM LiCl, 1 mM EDTA) were added and the sample
716 incubated at room temperature for 15 min with agitation. The beads were magnetically
717 separated and washed twice with WB. For RNA elution, 50 µl EB was added and the sample
718 heated for 2 min at 80°C and the eluted RNA was transferred to a new tube. The polyA RNA
719 selection was repeated a second time and eluted in a volume of 16 µl.
720
721 **Translating Ribosome Affinity Purification (TRAP)-seq**
722 TRAP of mRNA-ribosome complexes was performed following the procedure of [17]. Briefly,
723 pulverized tissue (1 mL) from the *35S:HF-RPL18* genotype was added to 5 mL of polysome
724 extraction buffer (PEB: 200 mM Tris, pH 9.0, 200 mM KCl, 25 mM EGTA, 35 mM $MgCl_2$, 1%
725 PTE, 1 mM DTT, 1 mM PMSF, 100 µg/mL cycloheximide, 50 µg/mL chloramphenicol)
726 containing 1% detergent mix (20% (w/v) polyoxyethylene(23)lauryl ether, 20% (v/v) Triton X-
727 100, 20% (v/v) Octylphenyl-polyethylene glycol, 20% (v/v) Polyoxyethylene sorbitan
728 monolaurate 20) and homogenized with a glass homogenizer on ice The homogenized mixture
729 was allowed to stand for 10 min on ice and then centrifuged at 16,000*g* at 4°C for 15 min.
730 Following centrifugation, the supernatant was transferred to a new tube and filtered through one
731 layer of Miracloth (Millipore) to produce the clarified extract.
732 Protein G Dynabeads (50uL; ThermoFisher) were prewashed twice with 1.5 mL of wash
733 buffer (WB-T: 200 mM Tris, pH 9.0, 200 mM KCl, 25 mM EGTA, 35 mM $MgCl_2$, 5 mM PMSF, 50
734 µg/mL cycloheximide, 50 µg/mL chloramphenicol) by suspension and magnetic collection, with
735 final re-suspension in the original volume. These were added to the clarified tissue extract and

736 incubated at 4°C for 2 h with gentle rocking. The beads were collected magnetically, the
737 supernatant was removed, and the beads were gently resuspended in 6 mL WB-T for 5 min at
738 4°C with rocking. This wash step was repeated two additional times, after which the beads were
739 resuspended in 1 mL WB-T and transferred to a new tube and the supernatant was removed.
740 RNA was purified from the sample and the reserved clarified extract by addition of 105 µl
741 of LBB (LBB: 100 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 500 mM LiCl, 10 mM EDTA, 1% (w/v) SDS, 5 mM DTT,
742 1.5% (v/v) Antifoam A, 5 µl/mL 2-mercaptoethanol) followed by vortexing for 5 min. Samples
743 were incubated at room temperature for 10 min, centrifuged at 13,000*g* for 10 min and
744 transferred to a new tube. Poly(A)$^+$ RNA selection was performed by addition of 1 µl of 12.5 µM
745 biotin-20nt-dT oligos (Integrated DNA Technologies) to 200 µl of the TRAP or RNA lysate
746 sample, followed by incubation at room temperature for 10 min. In a separate tube 20 µl
747 magnetic streptavidin beads (New England Biolabs) were washed with 200 µl LBB. The lysate
748 was added to the washed beads and incubated at room temperature for 10 min with gentle
749 agitation. The beads were magnetically separated and washed sequentially with wash buffer A
750 (WBA:10 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 150 mM LiCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% (w/v) SDS), wash buffer B (WBB:10
751 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 150 mM LiCl, 1 mM EDTA), and low salt buffer (LSB: 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 150
752 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA). Following washes, the pellet was resuspended in 16 µl 10 mM Tris,
753 pH 8.0 containing 1 mM 2-Mercaptoethanol and heated at 80°C for 2 min. The beads were
754 magnetically collected, the supernatant was transferred to a new tube, and the poly(A)$^+$ RNA
755 selection process was repeated, and the samples combined in a new tube before storage at -
756 80°C.
757
758 **RNA-seq Library Preparation**
759 RNA-seq library preparation for nRNA, polyA, and TRAP RNA was performed as described in
760 Kumar et al., 2012 [93]. In brief, RNA was fragmented and primed for first strand synthesis with
761 random hexamers (Invitrogen). First strand synthesis was performed, followed by second
762 strand synthesis, end repair, and A-tailing. Universal sequencing adapters were ligated to
763 cDNA molecules. An initial enrichment and adapter extension PCR was first performed on
764 0.25x volume of the ligated products for each sample to determine amplification cycle number to
765 prevent overamplification of sequencing libraries. A final enrichment and adapter extension
766 PCR was performed with 0.25x starting volume for the specified cycle number (13-15 cycles) for
767 each sample. Following enrichment, purification, size selection of libraries, and sequencing was
768 performed as described for ChIP-seq.
769
770 **Bioinformatic Analyses**
771 For all high throughput outputs, short reads were trimmed using FASTX-toolkit to remove
772 barcodes and filter short and low quality reads prior to alignment to the TAIR10 genome with
773 Bowtie2/Tophat2. Read quality reports were generated using fastqc. For all datasets, counting
774 of aligned reads was performed on entire transcripts [94] using the latest Araport 11 annotation
775 (201606) and reads per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads (RPKM) values were
776 calculated. Differentially expressed genes were determined by edgeR, $|FC| > 1$, FDR < 0.01.
777 *Data visualization and file generation*: Bigwig files for Integrated Genome Viewer (IGV)
778 visualization were generated from aligned bam files and normalized by RPKM values using the
779 deepTools command bamCoverage with the -normalizeUsingRPKM specification. Within IGV,

780 all chromatin based outputs were normalized to the same scale and all RNA outputs were
781 normalized to a separate scale.
782 *Peak calling:* For ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq datasets, peak calling was performed using
783 independent replicates in combination as input for HOMER using the findPeaks command [95].
784 For downstream analyses, peaks identified from each time point comparison were combined
785 and counting was performed on individual replicates. Peaks were annotated using the HOMER
786 command annotatePeaks.pl. Differential regulation of peaks was performed using edgeR.
787 *Motif discovery:* HRE2 peaks identified by HOMER command findPeaks were used as
788 an input for the HOMER command findMotifsGenome.pl. The matrix for the top HRE2 motif (p:
789 1e-69) was used as input the MEME command ceqlogo to generate the motif logo.
790 *DAP-seq motif analysis:* Sequences of promoter regions spanning 1 kb upstream to 500
791 bp downstream of the TSS were extracted for genes within each cluster. The promoter
792 sequences were compared against each TF, per TF family, using motif matrices identified by
793 [53]. The number of significant motifs identified within the promoters of each cluster were
794 quantitated and normalized to the number of genes within each cluster.
795 *t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE)*: t-SNE analysis was performed
796 according to [96]. Briefly, a principal component analysis was performed using RPKM values
797 for each replicated dataset and timepoint. t-SNE was then performed on PCs 1-10 and the
798 results were plotted using ggplot2.
799 *Wilcoxon signed rank sum test:* Wilcoxon signed rank sum test was performed by
800 comparing the RPKM values of one genomic output for each gene within a cluster to the genes
801 of another cluster. Each cluster was compared individually to all other clusters to determine
802 significance, $p < 0.05$.
803 *Fisher's exact test:* Fisher's exact test was performed by comparing the number of motifs
804 / peaks associated with genes within a cluster to the total number of motifs / peaks identified for
805 all DRGs. Significance
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807 **Bioinformatic Tools**
808 Analyses were performed with Bioconductor R packages particularly the Next Generation
809 Sequencing analysis software of systemPipeR [97]. Programs used within Bioconductor
810 included: BiocParallel [98], BatchJobs [99], GenomicFeatures [94], GenomicRanges [94],
811 edgeR [100], gplots [101], ggplot2 [102], RColorBrewer [103], Dplyr [104], biomaRt [105],
812 ChIPseeker [106], rtracklayer [107], Rtsne [108], Pheatmap [109], e1071 [110], cluster [111],
813 ShortRead [112], and Rsamtools [113]. The Publically available UNIX/Python/Perl packages
814 used included Tophat [114], fastx_toolkit [115], Fastqc [116], MEME [117], HOMER [95],
815 deepTools [118], circos [119], Bedtools [120], samtools [121].

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Supplemental Tables

Table S1: Tabulation of ATAC and HRE2-ChIP peaks on chromatin

Table S2: Survey of histones, RNAPII, HRE2 and three RNA sub-populations in response to two durations of hypoxic stress

855 Table S3: nRNA Enrichment and Gene Ontology Analysis
856 Table S4: Gene Ontology Analysis for two durations of hypoxic stress in Table S2
857 Table S5: List of Arabidopsis Blacklisted Chromatin (ABC)
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859 **Supplemental Note**
860 ***Arabidopsis* blacklisted chromatin**
861 The variety of genome-wide outputs in this study recording dynamics at the level of chromatin
862 and RNA has permitted the identification of Tn5 bias/genomic regions with high nonspecific
863 background and/or high signal/read counts in Arabidopsis irrespective of experiment, similar to
864 regions identified by the ENCODE project for other organisms [91]. The identification and
865 filtering of genomic blacklisted regions is especially important for calculation of genome wide
866 Pearson correlations and the generation of signal tracks used for accurate browser views. The
867 *Arabidopsis* Blacklisted Chromatin (ABC) regions (Table S5) can be used to remove these
868 defined regions that create statistical artefacts of the nuclear genome prior to performing
869 analyses of chromatin-based data.

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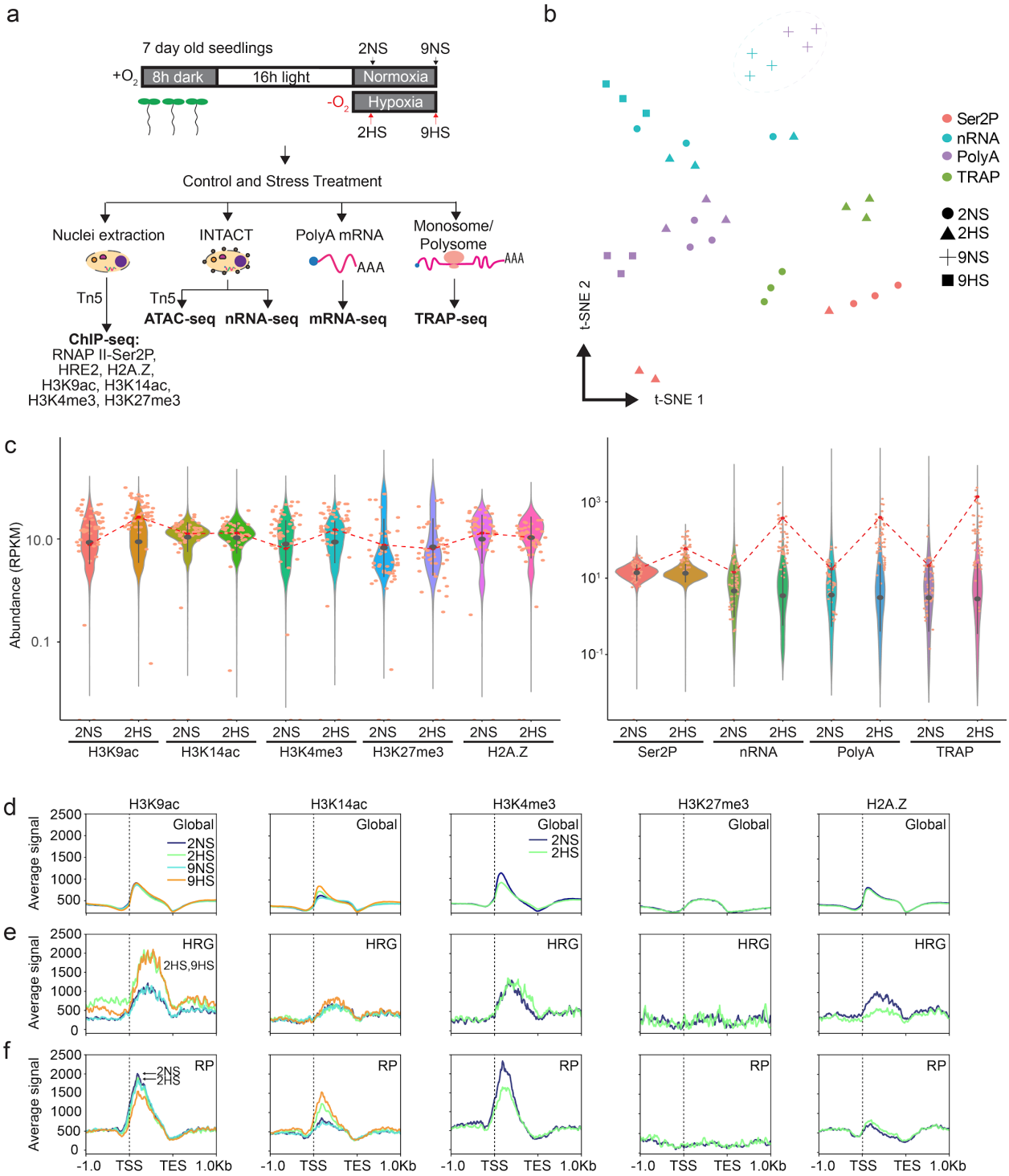
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Fig. 1 Multiscale chromatin and RNA gene regulatory analyses of control (normoxic) and hypoxic seedlings of *Arabidopsis*. **a** Schematic of experiments performed. Seven-day-old seedlings were subjected to control (normoxic) (2NS, 9NS) or hypoxic stress (2HS, 9HS) conditions. Vertical arrows indicate time of harvest. Chromatin immunopurification (ChIP) was performed to evaluate genomic regions bound by the Ser2 phospho-isoform of RNA Polymerase II (Ser2P), the Histone 2 variant H2A.Z, modified Histone 3 (H3K4me3, H3K27me3, H3K9ac, H3K14ac), and the group VII Ethylene Responsive Factor (ERF) transcription factor HYPOXIA RESPONSIVE ERF 2 (HRE2). Isolation of Nuclei TAgged in specific Cell Types (INTACT) purified nuclei were used for Assay for Transposase Accessible Chromatin (ATAC) and evaluation of nuclear RNA. Ribosome-associated mRNA was obtained by Translating Ribosome Affinity Purification (TRAP). **b** Reproducibility of individual replicates related to nascent transcription (Ser2P) and RNA (nuclear [nRNA], polyadenylated mRNA [polyA], ribosome-associated polyA mRNA [TRAP]) by use of t-Distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE). **c** Violin plots displaying genome-wide abundance (reads per kilobase per million reads [RPKM]) of histone and mRNA-related outputs for control (2NS) and short-term hypoxic (2HS) treatments. Mean ± SD are depicted within violins in gray. RPKM values for the 49 core hypoxia-responsive upregulated genes (HRGs) [17] are plotted as orange dots. The HRG, *ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE 1* (*ADH1*) is tracked as a red line. **d-f** Read distributions of histone modifications/variant genome wide **d**, for HRGs **e** and 246 cytosolic ribosomal proteins (RPs) **f**. Read distributions are plotted from 1 kb upstream to 1 kb downstream of gene units defined by the transcription start site (TSS) and transcription end site (TES). **g** Distribution of transposase hypersensitive sites (THS) on genomic features for each condition. **h-j** Average distribution of chromatin accessibility for **h** protein-coding genes, **i** HRGs, and **j** RPs determined by ATAC-seq.

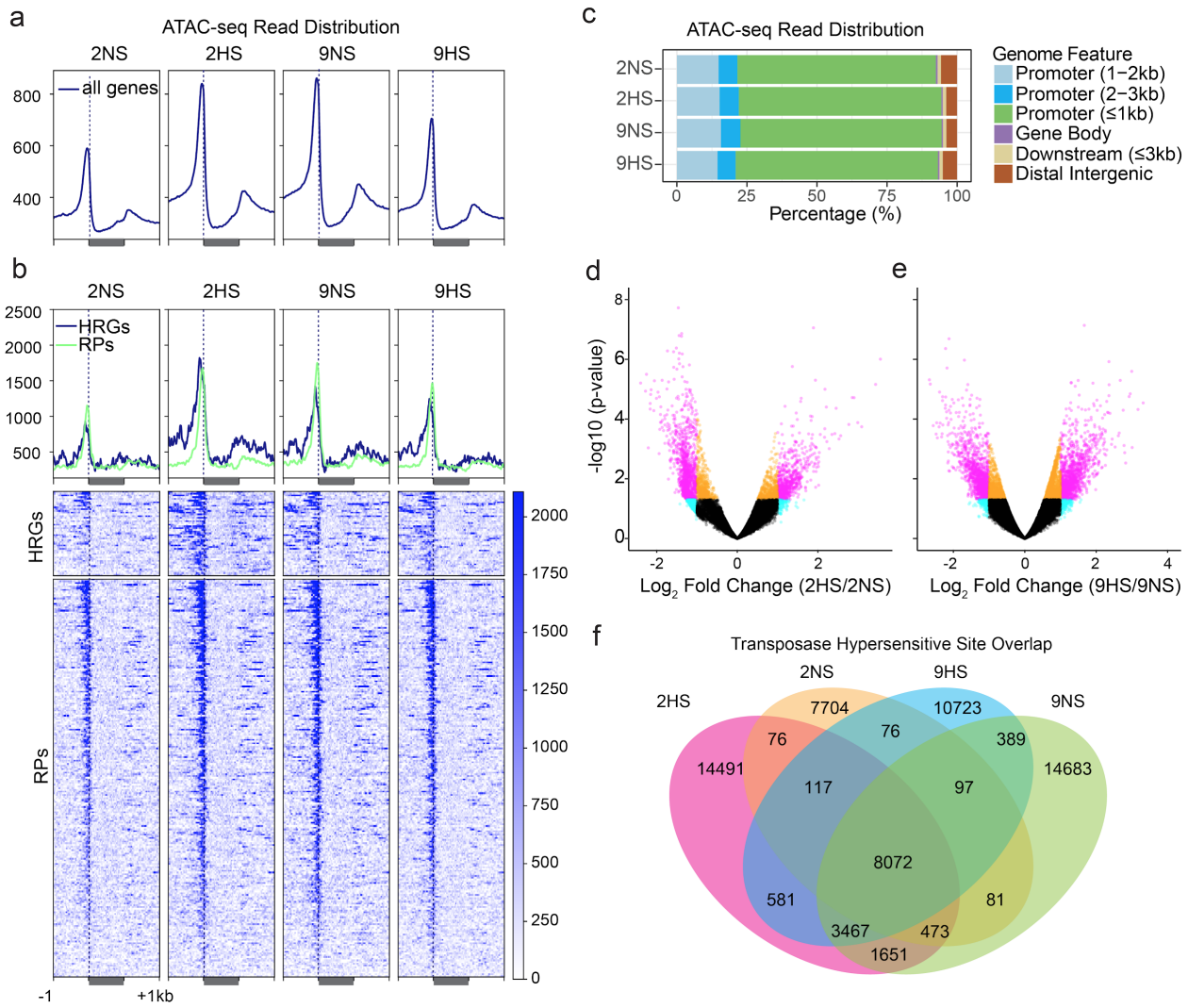

Fig. 2 Regions of chromatin accessibility determined by Transposase-Accessible Chromatin using sequencing (ATAC-seq) are dynamically regulated by hypoxic stress. **a-b** Average ATAC-seq read distribution of chromatin accessibility for **a** protein-coding genes, **b** HRGs, and RPs determined by ATAC-seq. **c** Distribution of transposase hypersensitive sites (THSs) on genomic features for each condition. **d-e** Volcano plot of $\log_2$ fold change in THSs identifiable under two conditions and the significance value of their difference. Genes indicated in pink meet the criteria of $\log_2$ fold change value > |1|, 0.05 < p. value. **f** Overlap in THSs identified for each of four conditions.

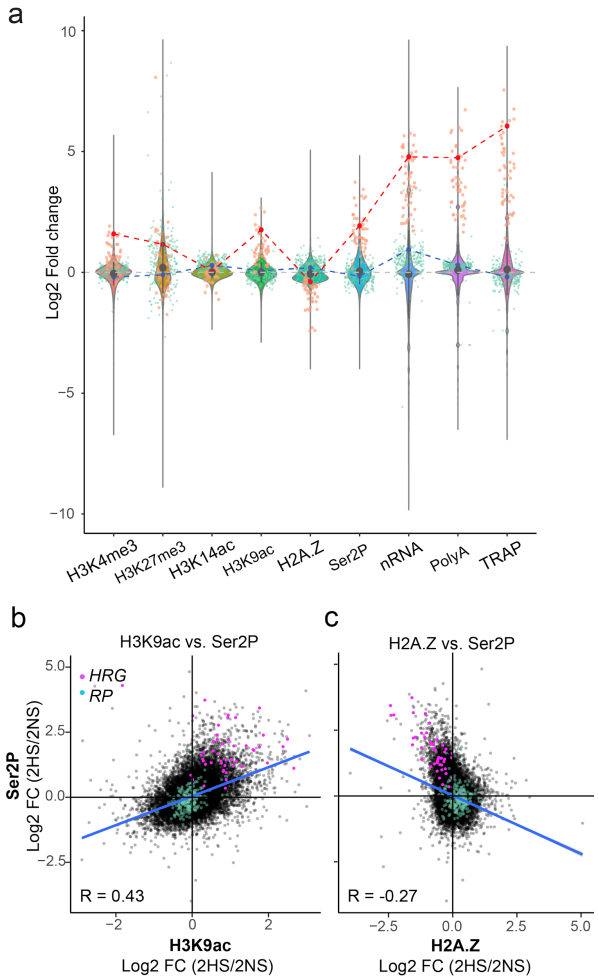

Fig. 3 Short term hypoxic stress promotes pronounced changes in chromatin, transcription and nascent transcripts that are not uniformly reflected in transcript steady-state abundance or translation. Comparison of genome-wide data for chromatin and RNA for 2 h hypoxic stress (2HS) relative to the normoxic control (2NS). **a** Violin plots of $\log_2$ fold change (2HS/2NS) of histone, RNAPII-Ser2P and RNA outputs. The 49 core Hypoxia-Responsive Genes (HRGs) [17] are plotted as orange dots with *ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE 1* (*ADH1*) depicted in red and tracked between datasets (red dashed line). Cytosolic ribosomal proteins (RPs) are plotted in blue, with *RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN 37B* tracked between datasets (blue dashed line). Mean ± SD are depicted within violins as a dark gray dashed line **b** Comparison of $\log_2$ fold change (2HS/2NS) between H2A.Z on the gene body and Ser2P on the gene body. **c** Comparison of $\log_2$ fold change (FC) (2HS/2NS) between H3K9ac and Ser2P on the gene body. For b and c, HRGs are plotted in pink and RPs in blue; the Pearson's coefficient of determination is shown.

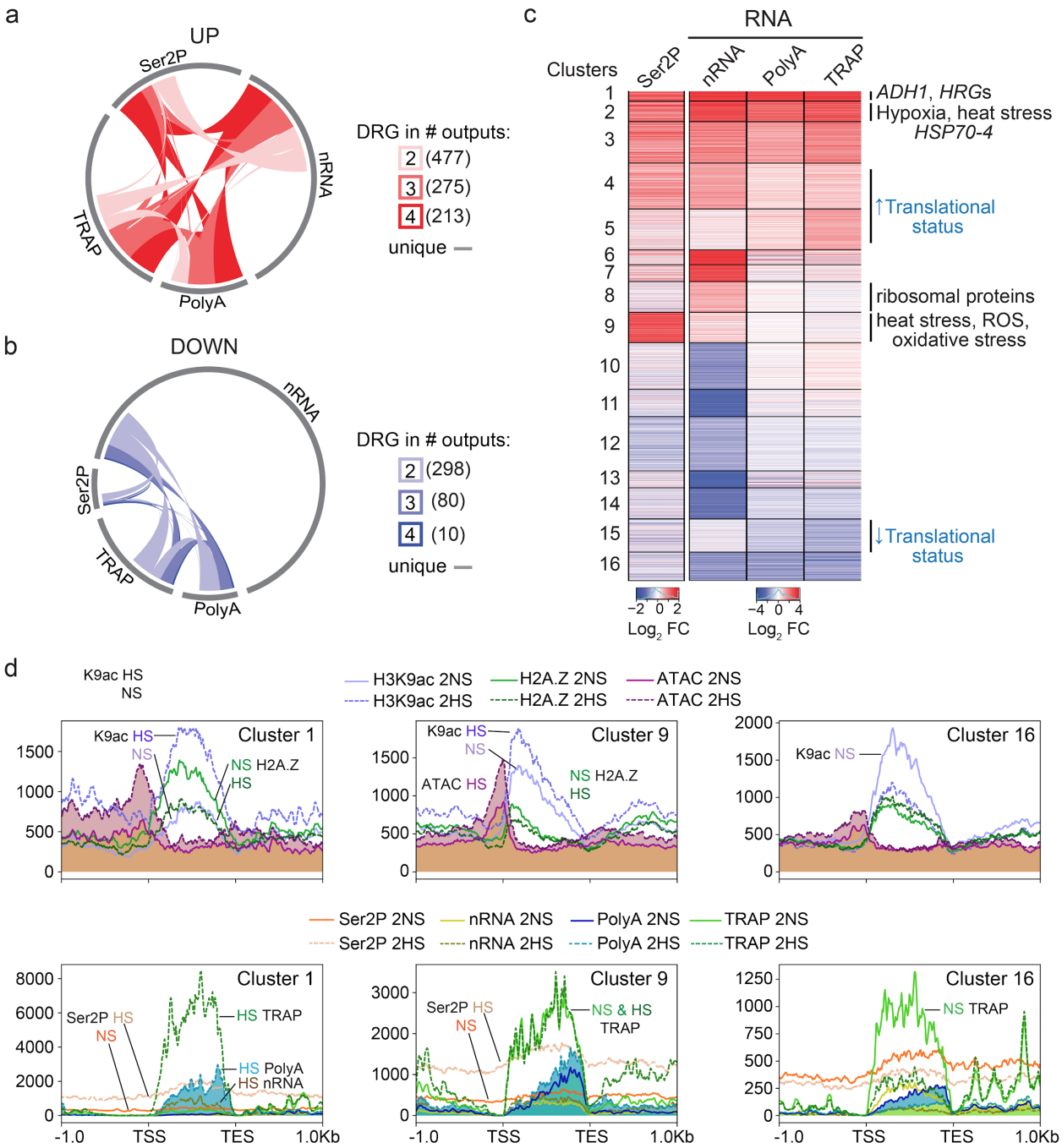

Fig. 4 Multi-scale analysis of hypoxia-regulated genes reveals concordant and discordant patterns of gene regulation. Number of **a** up- and **b** down-differentially regulated genes (DRGs) in response to hypoxic stress (|$\log_2$ fold change| > 1; FDR < 0.05) identified in each of the four readouts related to RNA: Ser2P ChIP, nRNA, polyA RNA, and TRAP RNA. Arc of circle circumference indicated by the grey line represents the DRGs in each of the four readouts. Genes differentially regulated in 2 to 4 readouts were tabulated (number in parentheses) and depicted by links within the circle. Genes differentially regulated in only one readout are represented by unlinked grey lines. **c** Heatmap showing similarly regulated genes based on four assays of gene activity. Partitioning around medoids (PAM) clustering of 3,042 differentially regulated genes; 16 clusters. Selected enriched Gene Ontology terms are shown at right (p

adj. < 1.47e-09), |FC| > 1, FDR < 0.05. Clusters displaying increased or decreased translational status (ribosome-associated [TRAP] relative to total abundance [polyA]) are shown. **d** Average signal of various chromatin and RNA outputs for genes of three clusters plotted from 1 kb upstream of the transcription start site (TSS) to 1 kb downstream of the transcript end site (TES) for the 2 hour (2NS, 2HS) timepoints. Signal scale of graphs differ. Dashed lines used to plot hypoxic stress data. Upper panel, ATAC-seq data shaded. Lower panel 2HS polyA data shaded.

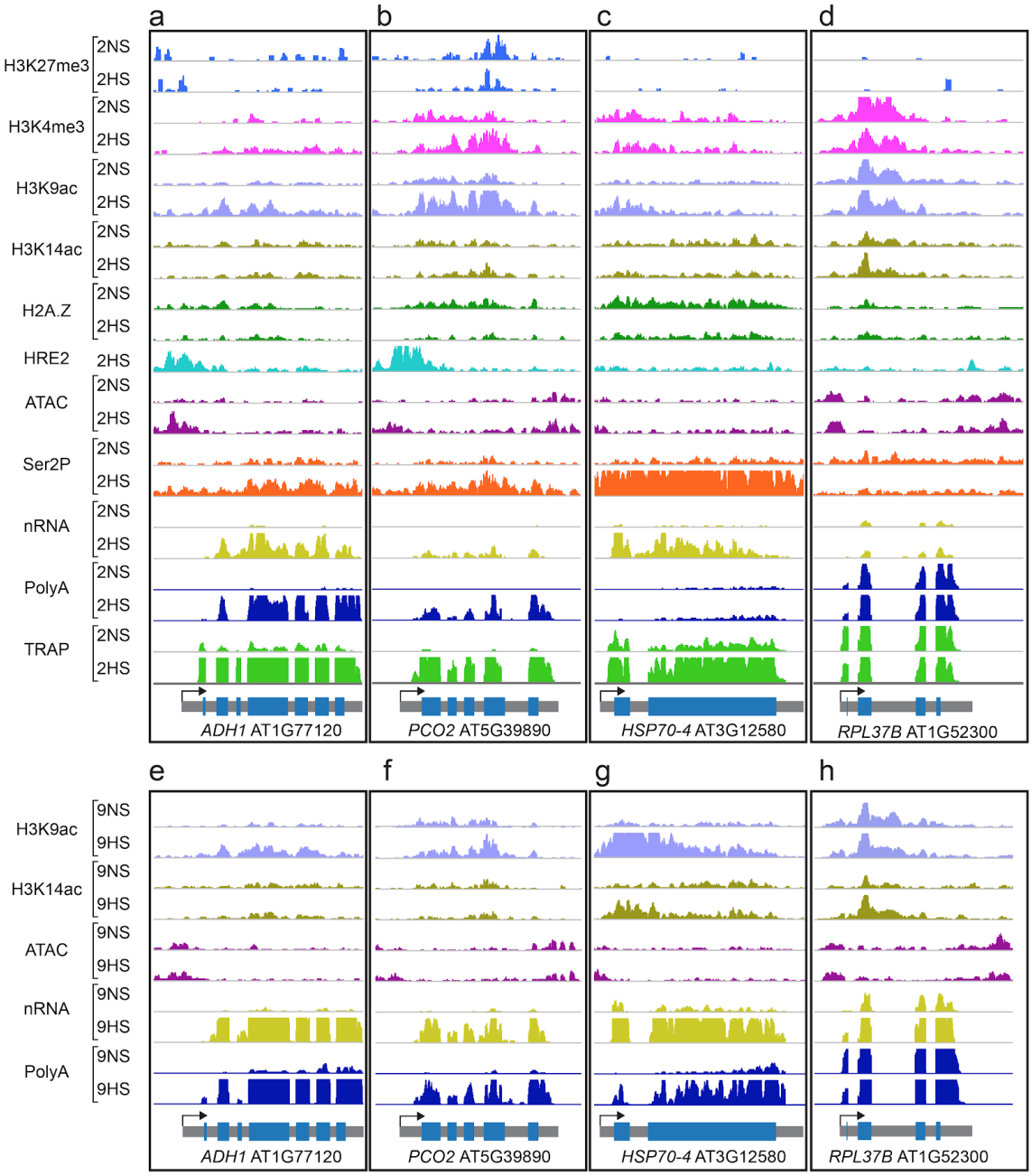

Fig. 5. Genome browser view of normalized read coverage of histone, ATAC-seq, RNAPII-Ser2P, HRE2-chromatin immunopurification and RNA outputs for representative genes. a-d Normoxia (2NS) and 2 h hypoxic stress (2HS). **e-h** 9NS and 9HS samples. **a,e** *ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE 1* (*ADH1*), **b,f** *PLANT CYSTEINE OXIDASE 2* (*PCO2*), **c,g** *HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN 70-4* (*HSP70-4*) and **d,h** *RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN L37B* (*RPL37B*). The maximum read scale value used for chromatin based and RNA based outputs is equivalent for all genes depicted. At bottom, the transcription unit is shown in grey with the transcription start site marked with an arrow. *PCO2* shows a stronger decline in H2A.Z than *ADH1* in response to hypoxia at 2HS (*PCO2*, -1.15 $\log_2$ FC; *ADH1*, -0.33 $\log_2$ FC) and demonstrates an example of elevated H3K4me3 under hypoxic stress.

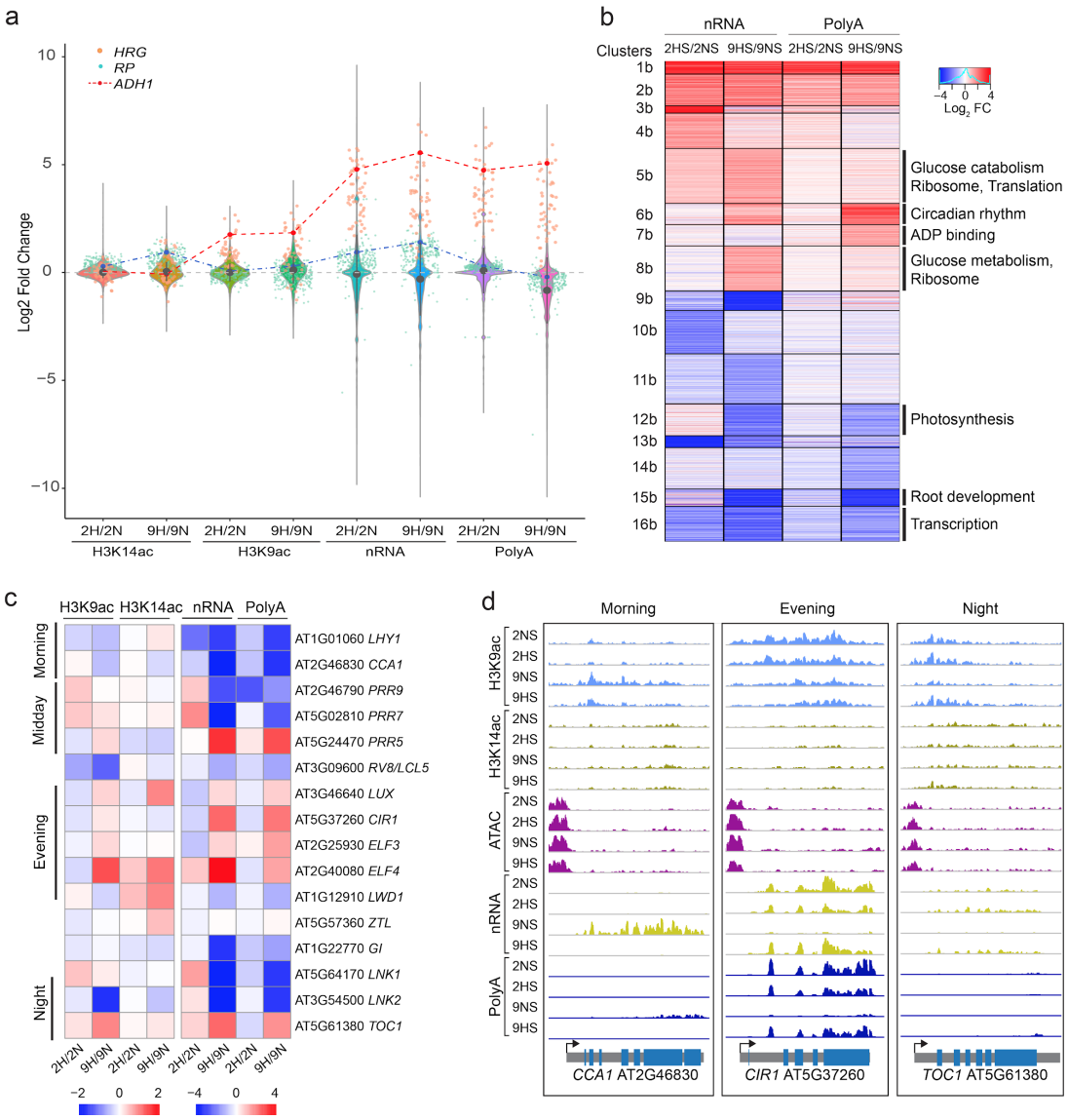

Fig. 6. Prolonged hypoxia leads to further variation in epigenetic, transcriptional and posttranscriptional regulation. a Violin plots comparing $\log_2$ fold change of two histone and two mRNA outputs at the 2h (2HS/2NS) and 9h timepoints (9HS/9NS) as plotted in Figure 1b. The *HRGs* are plotted as orange dots with *ADH1* depicted in red and tracked between datasets (red dashed line). *RPs* are plotted in blue, with *RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN 37B*. Mean ± SD depicted within violins as a dark gray dashed line. **b** Heatmap showing similarly regulated genes based on two RNA readouts. Partitioning around medoids (PAM) clustering of 3,897 differentially regulated genes; 16 clusters. Selected enriched Gene Ontology terms are shown at right (p adj. < 1.37E-06), |FC| > 1, FDR < 0.05. **c** Heatmap of chromatin and RNA readouts of select circadian regulated genes under short and prolonged hypoxic stress. Heatmap scales between chromatin and RNA based readouts differ. **d** Brower views of a morning (*CIRCADIAN CLOCK ASSOCIATED 1*, CCA1), evening (*CIRCADIAN 1*, CIR1), and night (*TIMING OF CAB EXPRESSION 1*, TOC1) expressed genes. RNA scale of *TOC1* is three-fold lower than the scale used for *CCA1* and *CIR1* due to low transcript abundance.

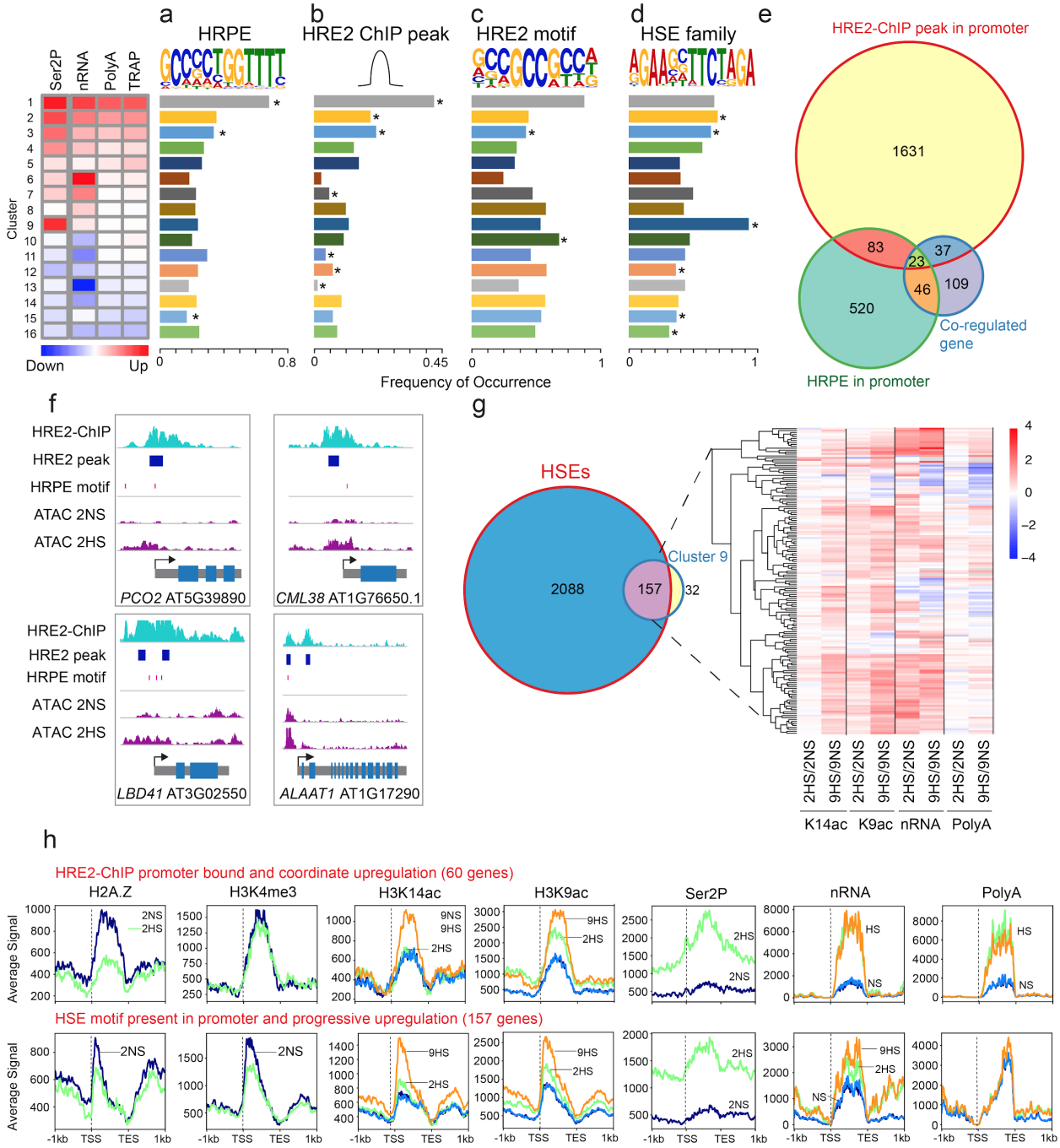

Fig. 7. Regulation of hypoxic responses by two ERFVII and HSF TF families. a-d Motif and peak enrichment in the promoter regions (1 kb upstream to 500 bp downstream of the TSS) of genes in clusters identified in Fig. 4c for **a**. Hypoxia Responsive Promoter Element (HRPE), **b**. HRE2-ChIP peaks, **c** HRE2-motif, and **d.** Heat Shock sequence Elements (HSE). Frequency of motif and peak occurrence was calculated as # motifs per # genes in cluster. Clusters with significant enrichment were identified by two-tailed Fisher's exact test $p < 0.05$. **e.** Overlap of genes containing HRE2-ChIP peaks and HRPE within promoter regions and the coordinately upregulated genes. **f**. Genome browser view of select *HRGs* (*PLANT CYSTEINE OXIDASE2, PCO2*; *CALMODULIN-LIKE 38, CML38*; *LOB-DOMAIN CONTAINING PROTEIN 41, LBD41*; *ALANINE AMINO TRANSFERASE1, AAT1*). The locations of

HRE2-ChIP peaks and HRPEs are depicted as a horizontal blue box and vertical red line, respectively. **g**. Venn diagram of DRGs containing promoter HSEs and cluster 9 genes in Fig. 4c. Heatmap of $\log_2$ FC values for H3K14ac, H3K9ac, nRNA, and polyA RNA for 2HS/2NS and 9HS/9NS is depicted for the union of genes. **h,i** Average signal of chromatin and RNA readouts for **h,** HRE2 bound genes with coordinate upregulation and **i,** genes with progressive upregulation (cluster 9) containing promoter HSEs. Average signal is plotted from 1 kb upstream of the transcription start site (TSS) to 1 kb downstream of the transcript end site (TES).

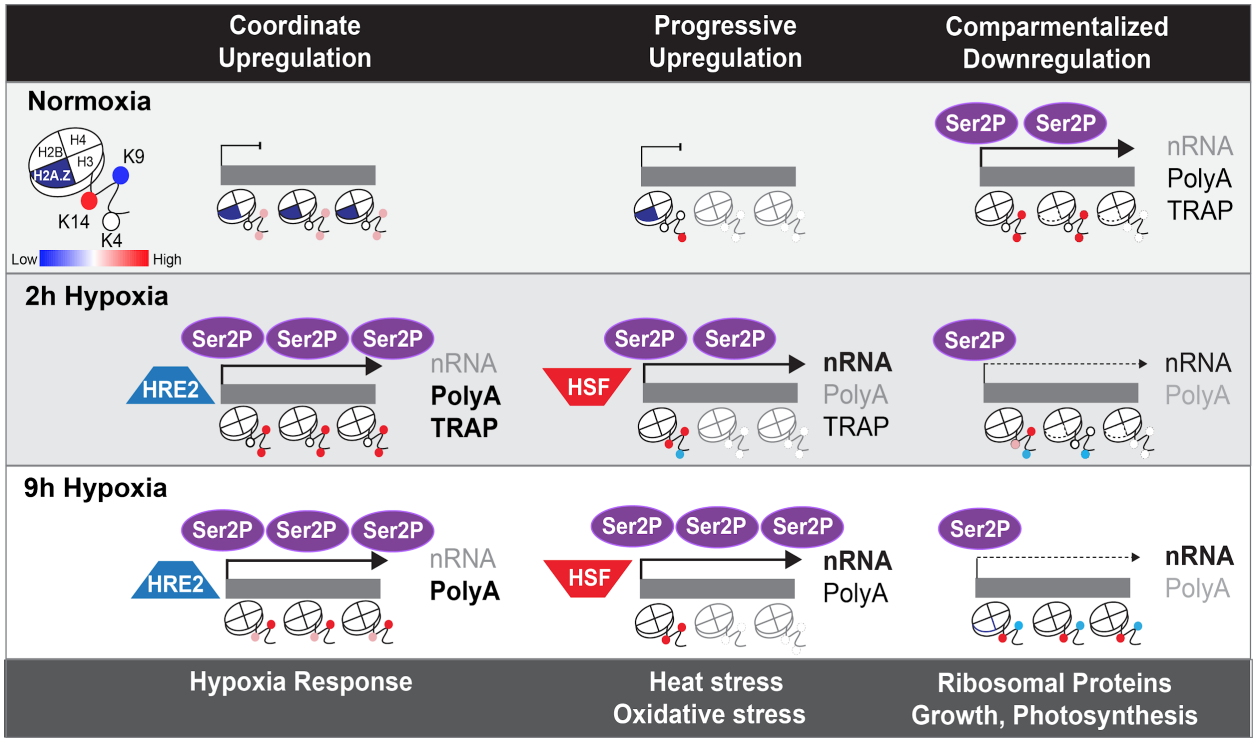

Fig. 8. Model of four dominant patterns of nuclear regulation in response to short term and prolonged hypoxic stress. Genes with coordinate upregulation from chromatin to translation, many of which are bound by the transcription factor HRE2, are characterized by H2A.Z eviction, H3K4me3, H3K9ac. Genes with progressive upregulation include many associated with heat and oxidative stress responses. These are lowly transcribed under normoxia (nonstress conditions); their transcription increases in response to brief hypoxia (2h hypoxia) as shown by high association with RNAPII-Ser2P and elevation of nuclear transcripts (nRNA), some of which are incompletely spliced. Although polyadenylated (polyA) transcripts of these genes are low abundance and primarily 3' biased, they are typically associated with ribosomes (TRAP). Progressively upregulated genes have strong 5' bias in histone marks, hypoxia-triggered H2A.Z eviction, H3K9ac elevation and H3K4me3 reduction. Many are targets of HSFs. Genes with compartmentalized downregulation include many associated with growth and photosynthesis. Maintained Ser2P and nRNA levels under the stress indicate these continue to be transcribed, acquire greater H3K14ac and sustain H3K9ac. Cartoons illustrates histone modifications as defined by the key. Transcript abundance ranges from limited (grey) to abundant (black, bold). HRE2, Hypoxia-Responsive ERF 2; HSF, Heat Shock Factor transcriptional activator; Ser2P, RNAPII with the Ser2P modification.

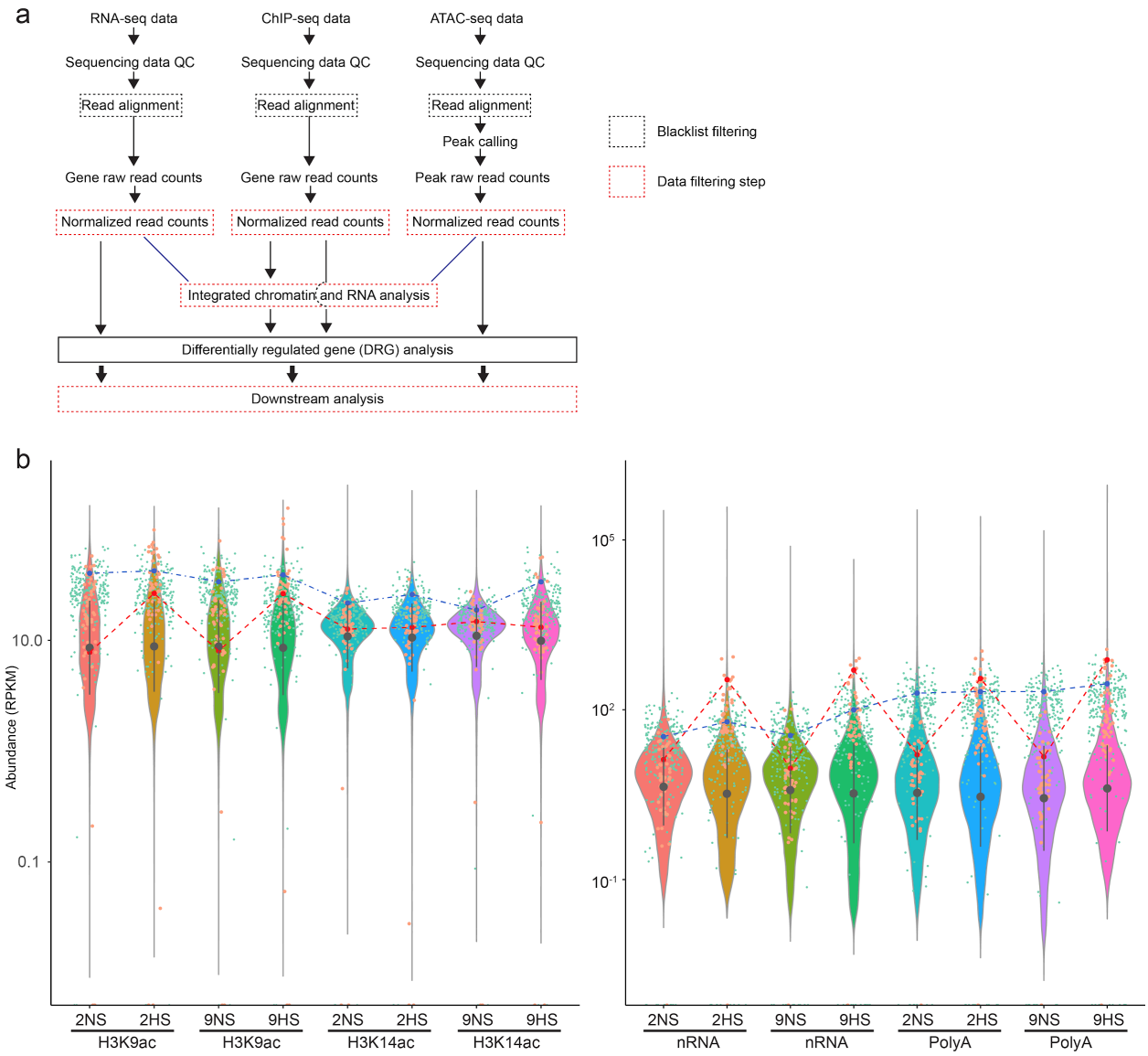

Figure S1. Expanded overview of the multiscale chromatin and RNA gene regulatory analyses. a Schematic of library types and data analysis performed on 7-day-old seedlings subjected to control (normoxic) (2NS, 9NS) or hypoxic stress (2HS, 9HS) as shown in Fig 1a. Control seedlings were compared to hypoxia stress seedlings independently within each chromatin- and RNA-based dataset. Low abundance reads were filtered (< 2 CPM). Differentially regulated genes were identified and utilized for downstream analyses. The chromatin and RNA datasets were also analyzed in combination. **b** Violin plots comparing distribution of genome-wide abundance (reads per kilobase per million reads [RPKM]) of histone and mRNA-related outputs for control (2NS, 9NS) and hypoxic (2HS, 9HS) treatments for all readouts assayed at 9HS. RPKM values for the 49 core hypoxia responsive upregulated genes (HRGs) [17] are plotted as orange dots. The HRG, *ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE 1* (*ADH1*) is tracked as a red line. RPKM values for cytosolic ribosomal proteins (RPs) are plotted in blue, with *RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN 37B* tracked between datasets (blue dashed line). Mean ± SD are depicted within violins as a dark gray dashed line.

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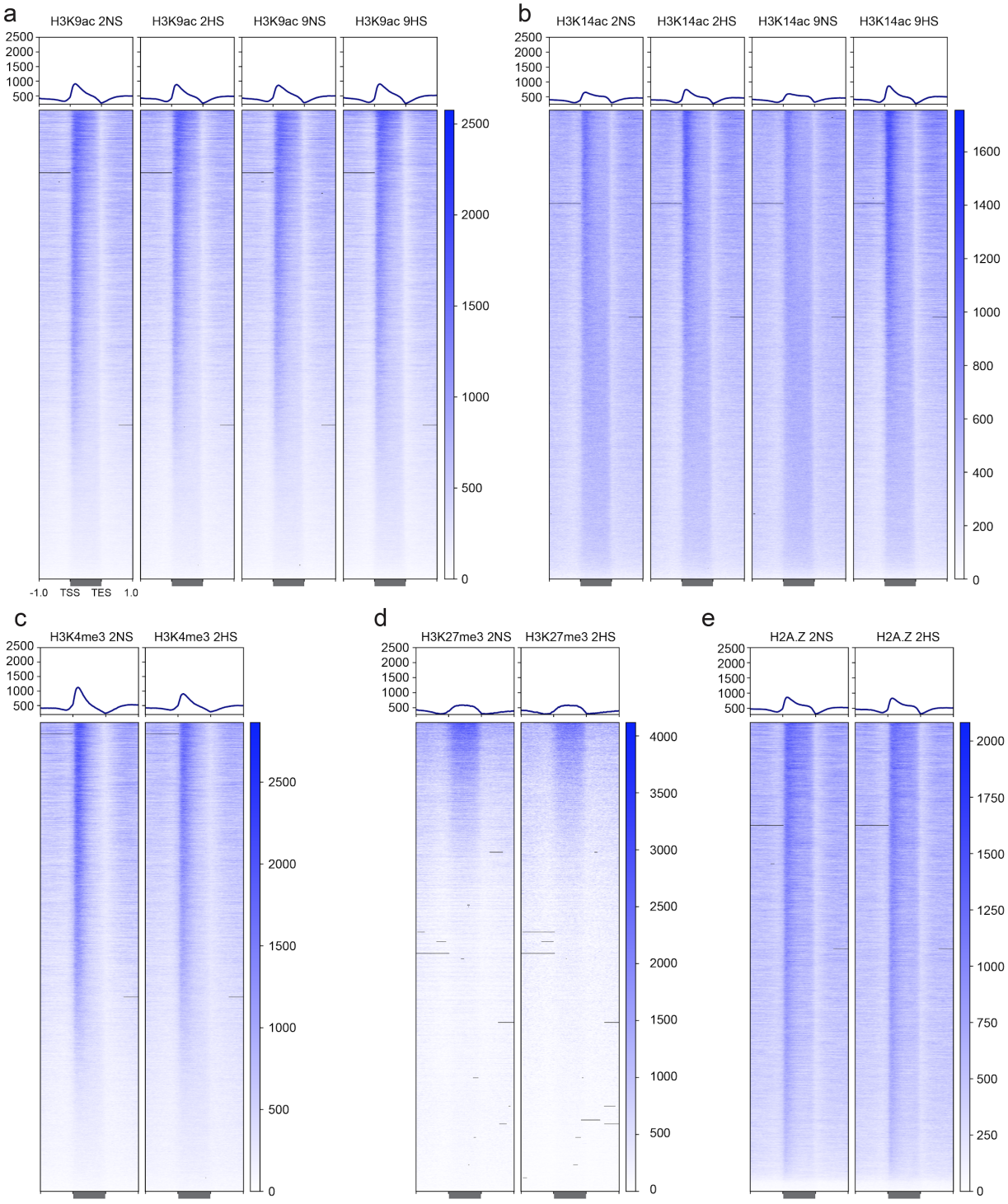

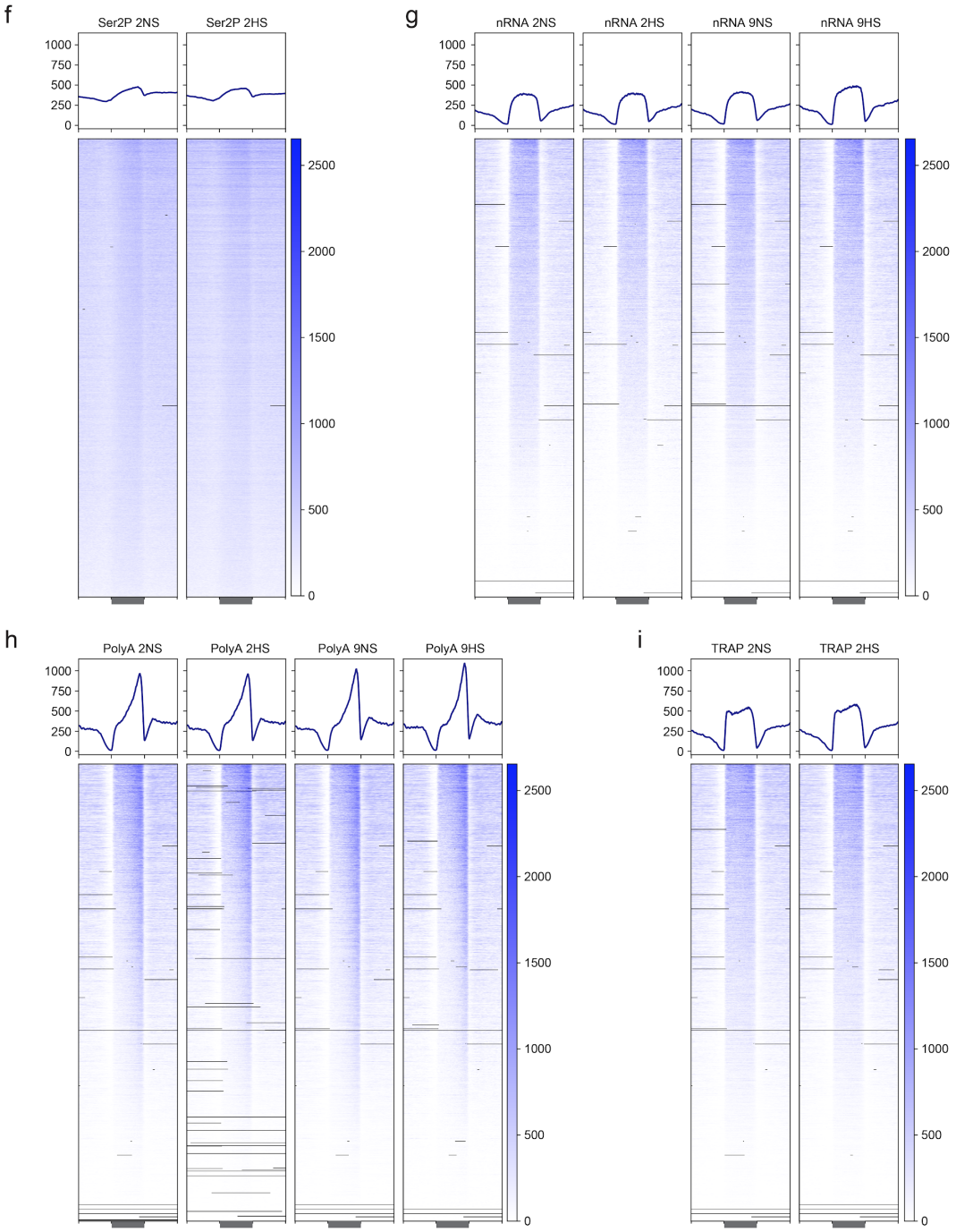

Figure S2. Average signal plots and heat maps for the global distribution of reads of chromatin and RNA data. a-h The genomic region from 1 kb upstream of the transcription start site (TSS) to 1 kb downstream of the transcription end site (TES) is depicted for each histone modification and variant, RNAPII-Ser2P (Ser2P), nuclear RNA (nRNA), polyadenylated RNA (polyA RNA) and ribosome-associated RNA (TRAP RNA) for nonstress (2NS, 9NS) and hypoxia (2HS, 9HS) stressed seedlings. Each heat map ranks genes from the highest signal (top) to the lowest (bottom). Heatmap intensity scale values differ between plots of different readouts and are shown. Blacklisted regions of the genome with disproportionately high reads are tabulated in Table S5 and depicted as a black line.

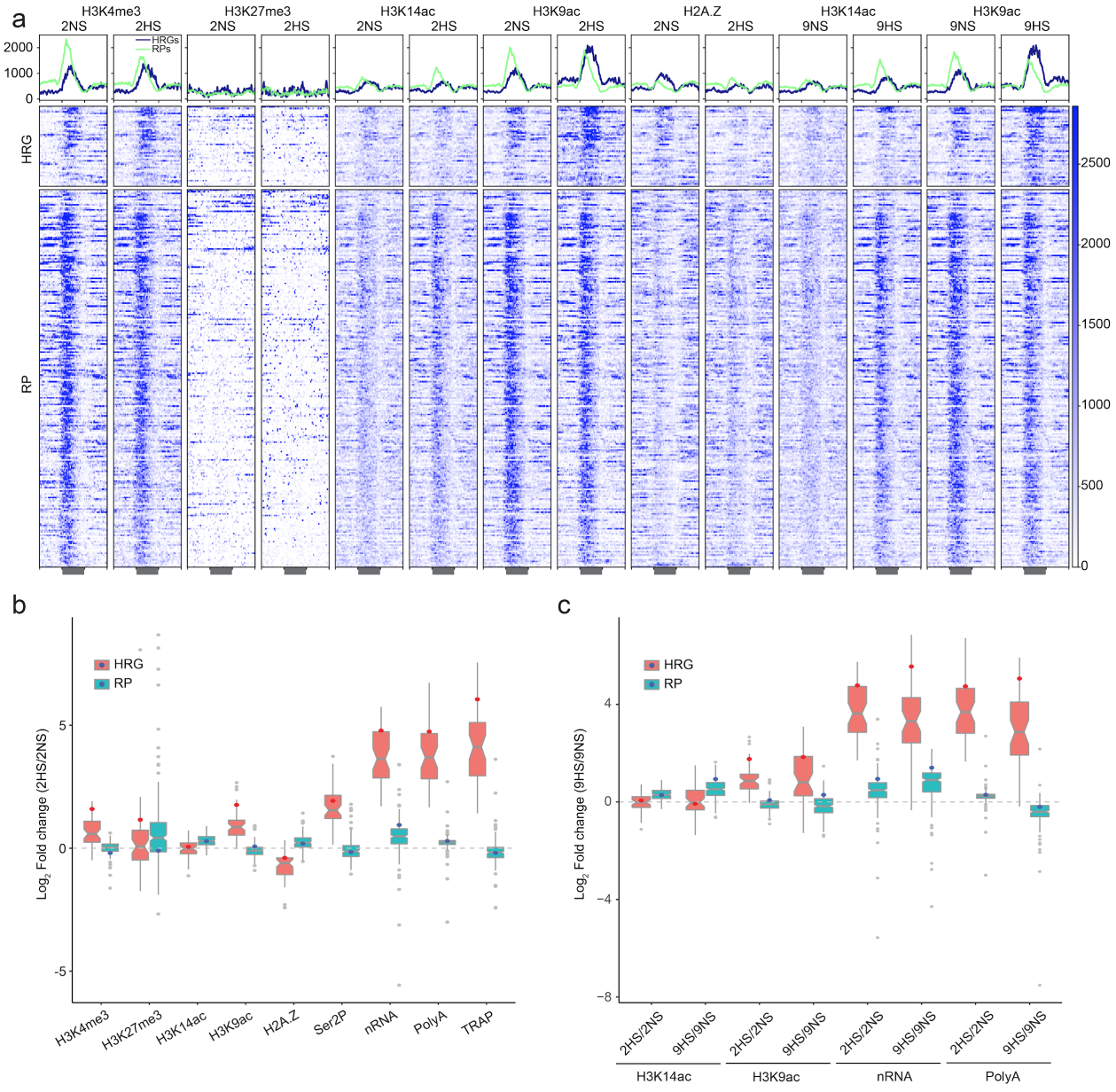

Figure S3. Multi-level evaluation of histone and gene regulation activity of the *HRG*s and *RP*s. a The average signal profile and read distribution heatmap for *HRG*s (blue) and *RPs* (green) is depicted for each histone dataset and condition. Analysis of the hypoxia responsive genes (*HRG*s) (n=49) and cytosolic ribosomal protein genes (n=223). Each row in the heat map represents an individual gene; gene order is the same in all plots. **b,c** Box plots of $\log_2$ fold change assayed for (**b**) short (2 h) and (**c**) prolonged (9 h) hypoxic stress compared to control (2HS/2NS, 9HS/9NS). Data for *ADH1* is indicated as a red dot and that of *RPL37B* is indicated as a blue dot. Range of dataset and upper and lower quantiles are depicted within each boxplot.

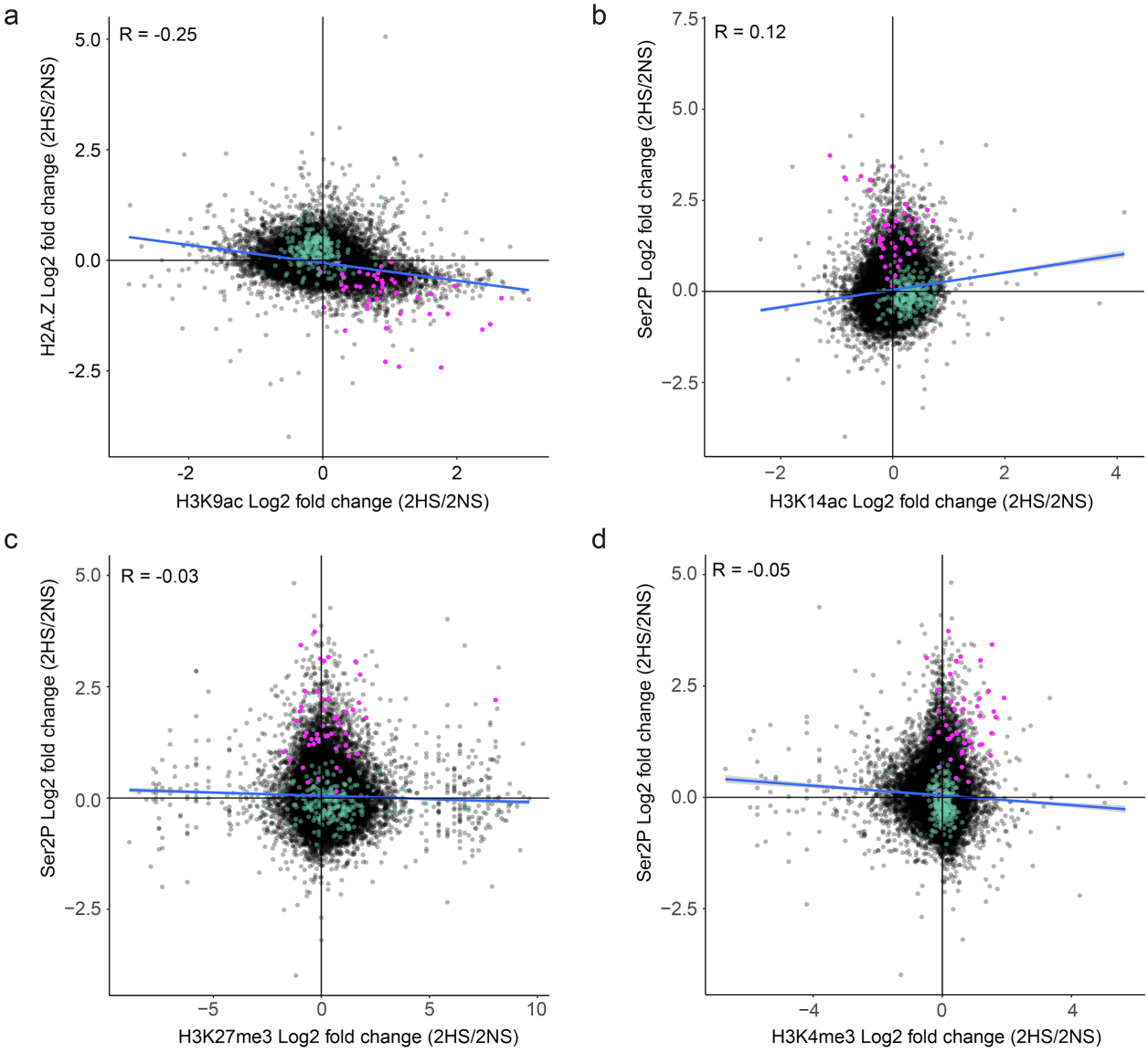

Figure S4. Evidence of cooperative association between H2A.Z eviction and H3K9ac and the relation between Histone H3 modification and RNAPII engagement. Plots comparing genome-wide changes in histone modifications and RNAP-Ser2P on individual gene bodies in response to hypoxia. **a** Comparison of $\log_2$ fold change (2HS/2NS) values of H3K9ac and H2A.Z association on gene bodies. **b-d** Comparison of $\log_2$ fold change (2HS/2NS) values of (**b**) H3K14ac, (**c**) H3K27me3, and (**d**) H3K4me3 and Ser2P on gene bodies. In all panels, *HRG*s are plotted in pink and *RP*s in green; the Pearson correlation coefficient for all genes is shown and the slope depicted with a blue line.

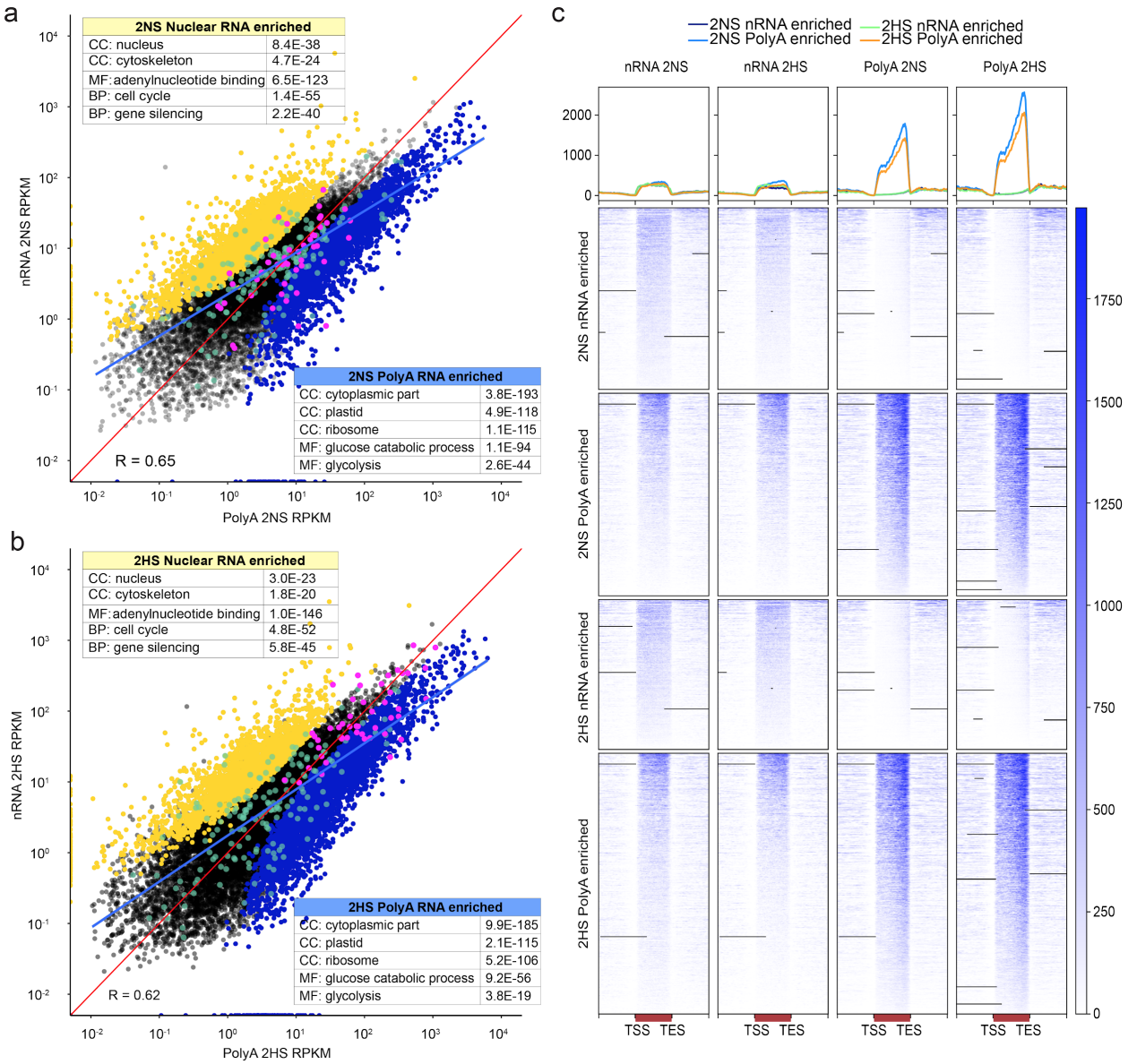

Figure S5. Genome-wide comparison of nRNA to polyA RNA demonstrates nuclear and cytoplasmic enrichment of transcripts under two conditions. a, b Scatterplot of normalized read values (per kilobase per million reads; RPKM) on genes in nRNA and polyA RNA populations at (**a**) 2NS and (**b**) 2HS. Transcripts enriched in nRNA (yellow; 2NS: 2,855, 2HS: 2,377) or polyA RNA (blue; 2NS: 3,139, 2HS: 4,029) are depicted ($|\log_2 FC > 1|$, $p < 0.05$). *HRG*s and *RP*s are also indicated in pink and green, respectively. The genome-wide Pearson correlation coefficient is shown and the slope depicted with a blue line. The red line is a slope of 1. Inserted tables describe representative Gene Ontology categories that are over-represented in nuclear RNA and polyA under the two conditions (data from Table S2). Many of the same groups of cell component (CC) and molecular (MF) were over-represented in the nRNA and polyA RNA populations obtained in the same manner in rice [46]. **c** Average signal profile and read distribution heatmap of nRNA-enriched and polyA-enriched transcripts at 2NS and 2HS.

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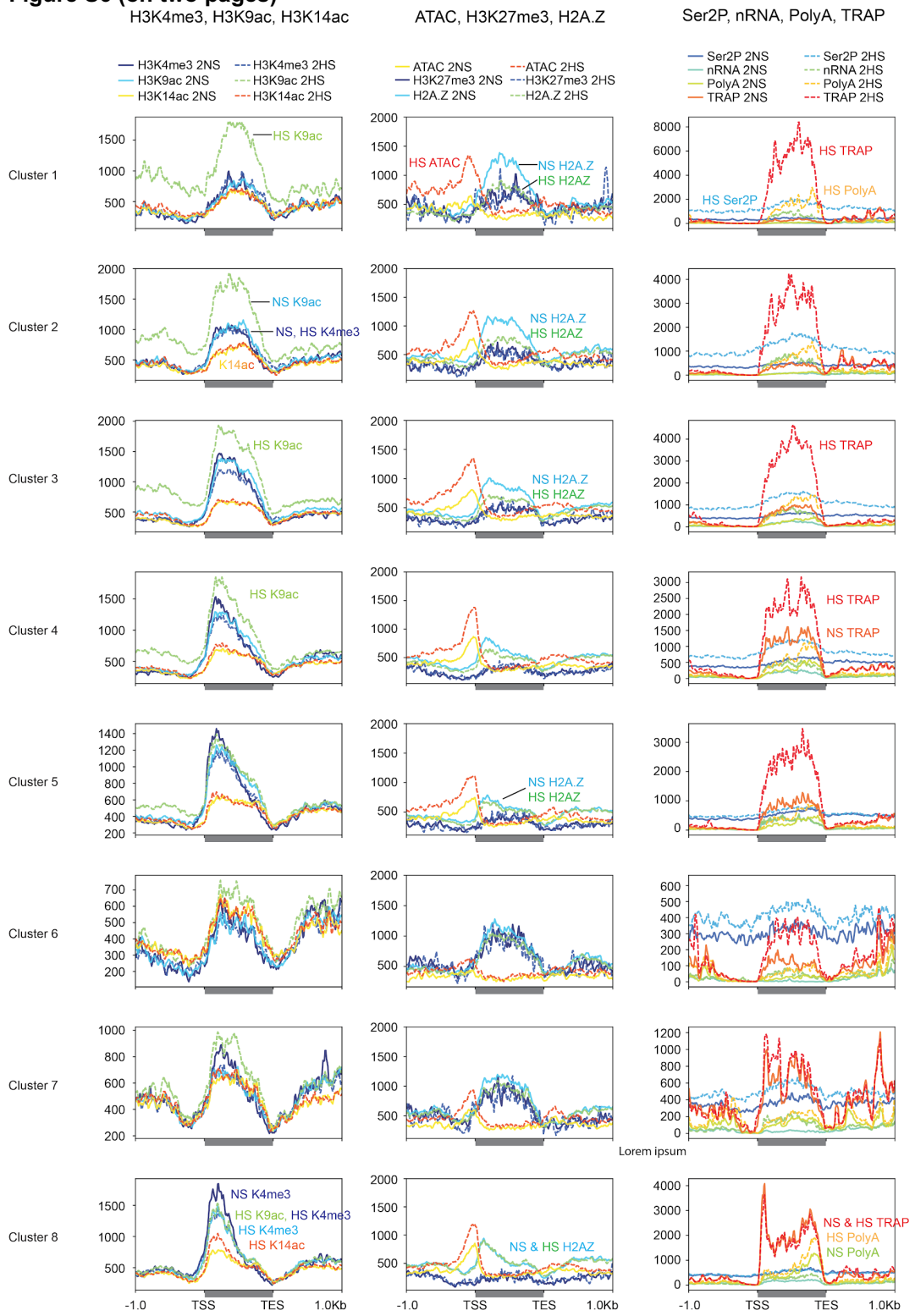

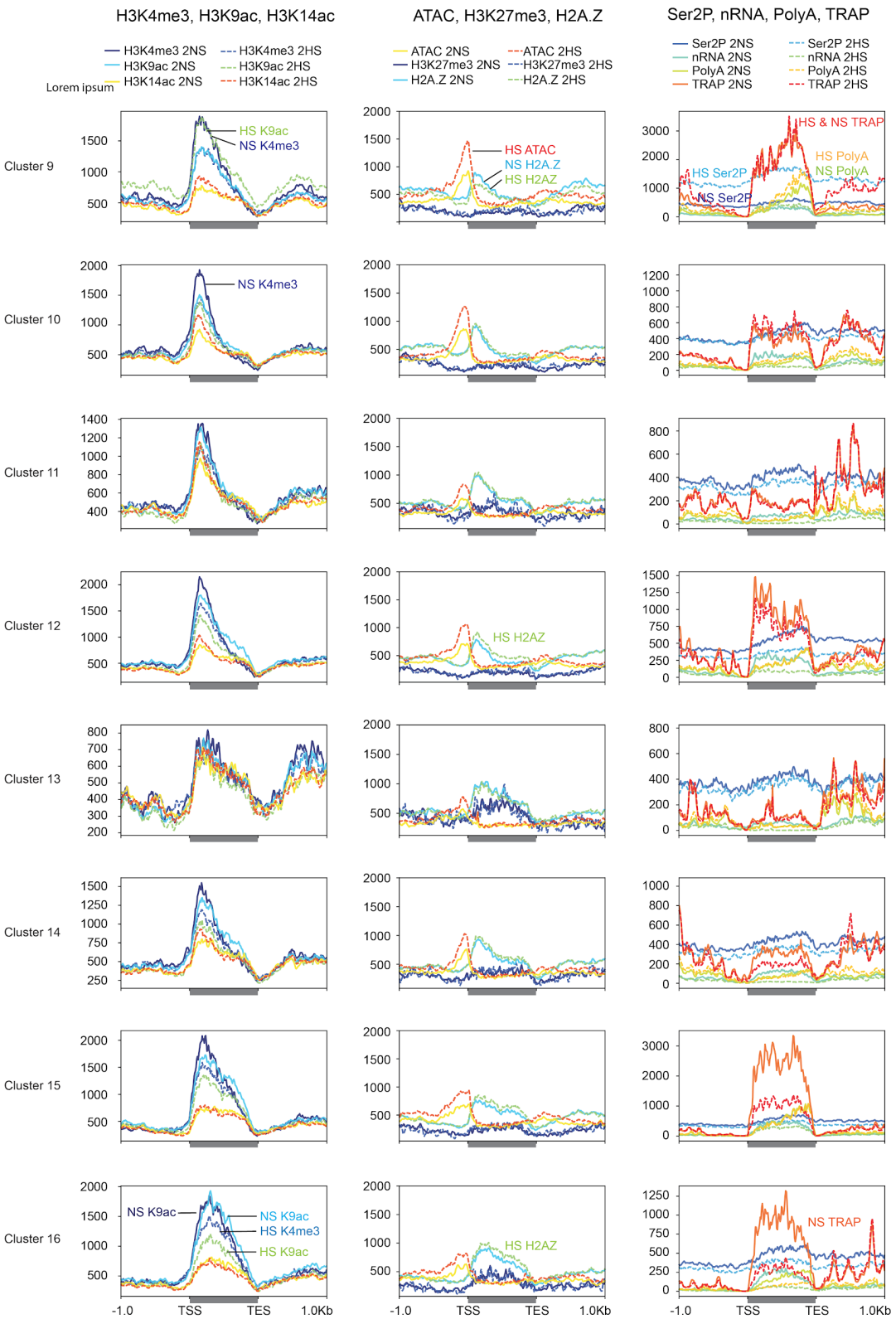

Figure S6. Distinctions in histones, RNAPII-Ser2P and RNA levels on genes that are co-regulated in response to hypoxic stress. Average signal of chromatin and RNA outputs for clustered genes identified from the 2HS comparison in Fig. 4c. Hypoxic sample data are dashed lines. Signal values are plotted from 1 kb upstream of the TSS to 1 kb downstream of the TES. Signal scale of graphs may differ.

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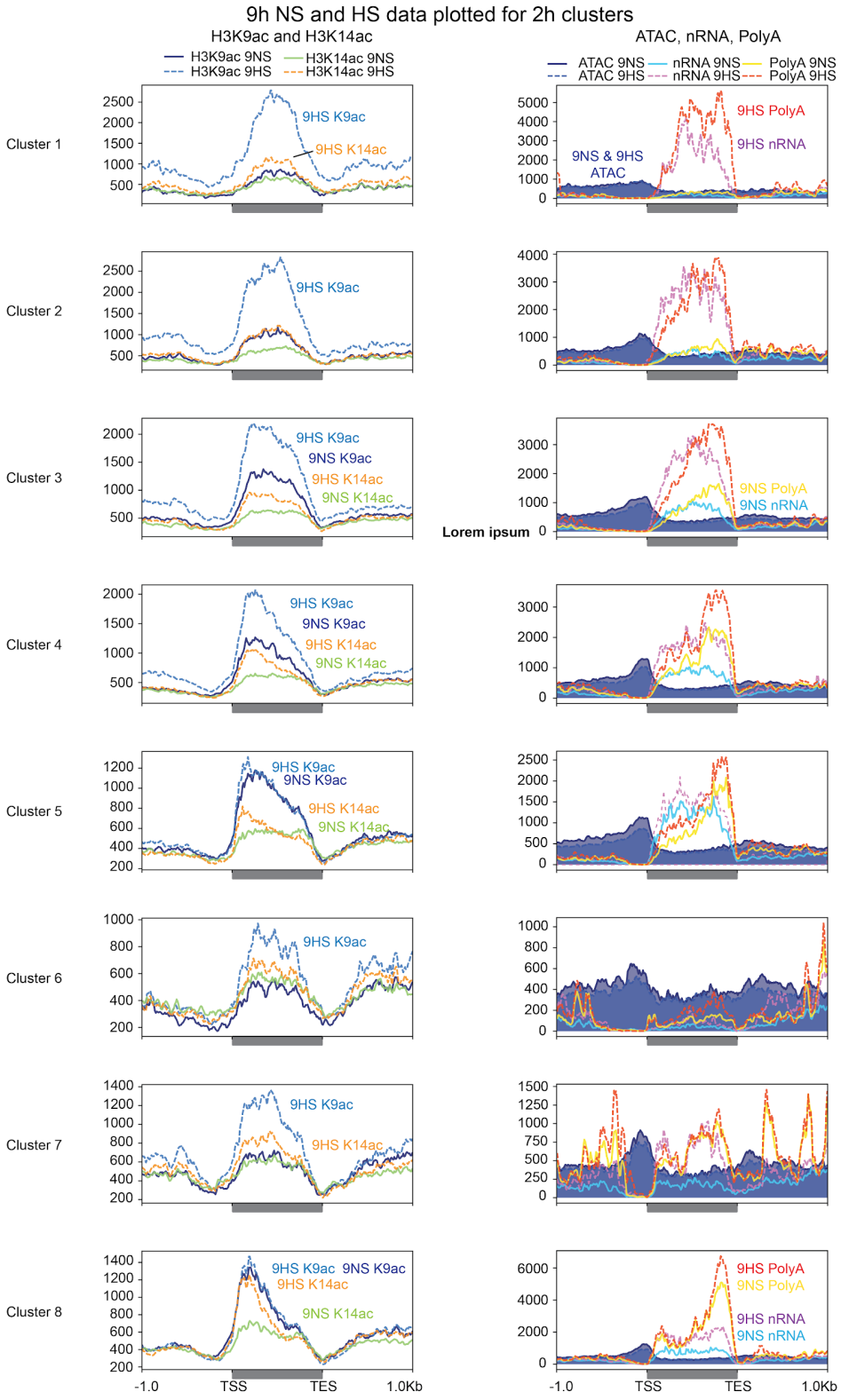

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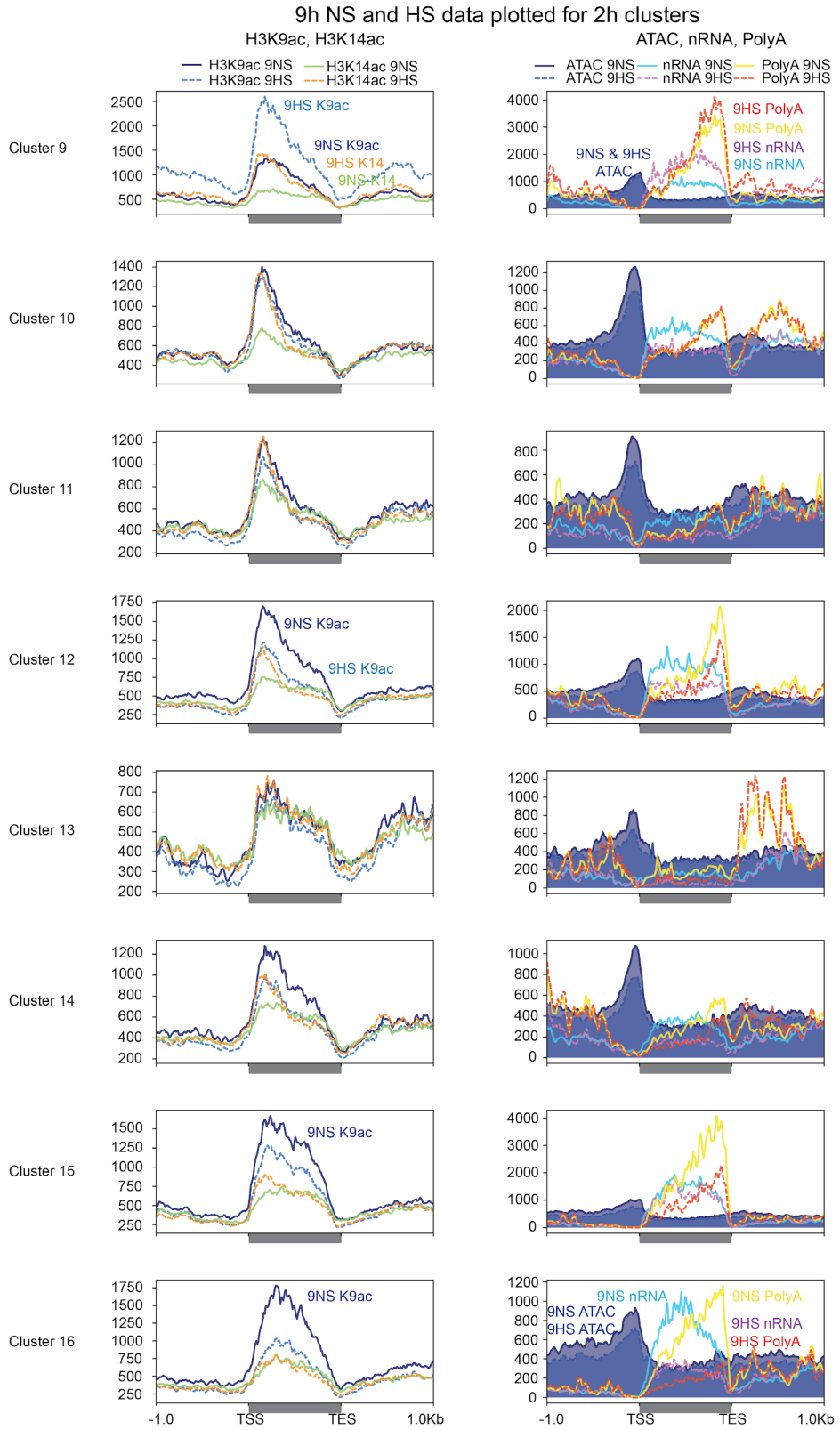

Figure S7. Progressive regulation of variations in gene activity in response to hypoxia. Average signal of chromatin and RNA outputs for clustered genes identified from the 9HS (9HS/9NS) comparison in Fig. 4c. Plotting is as described for Figure S6.

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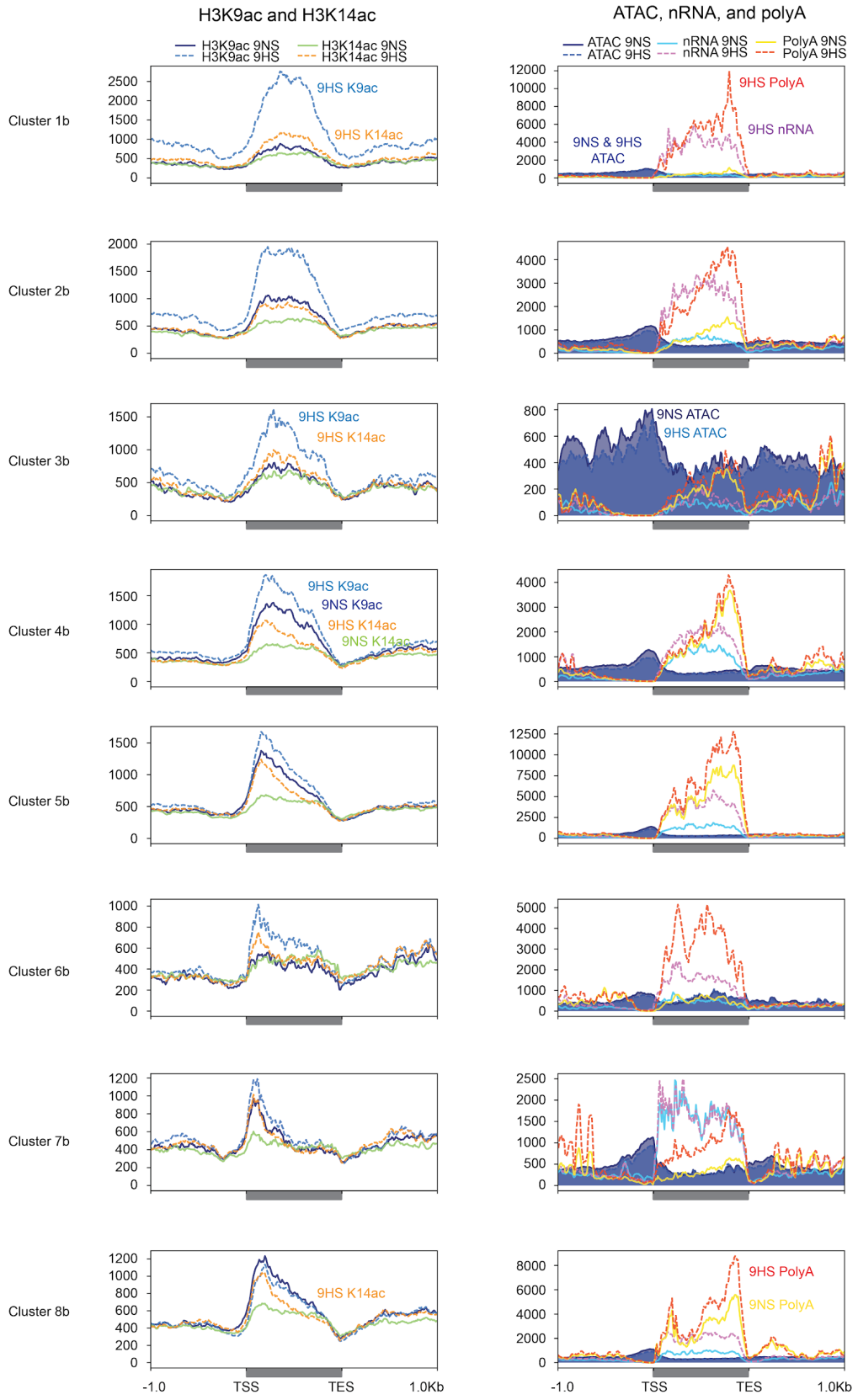

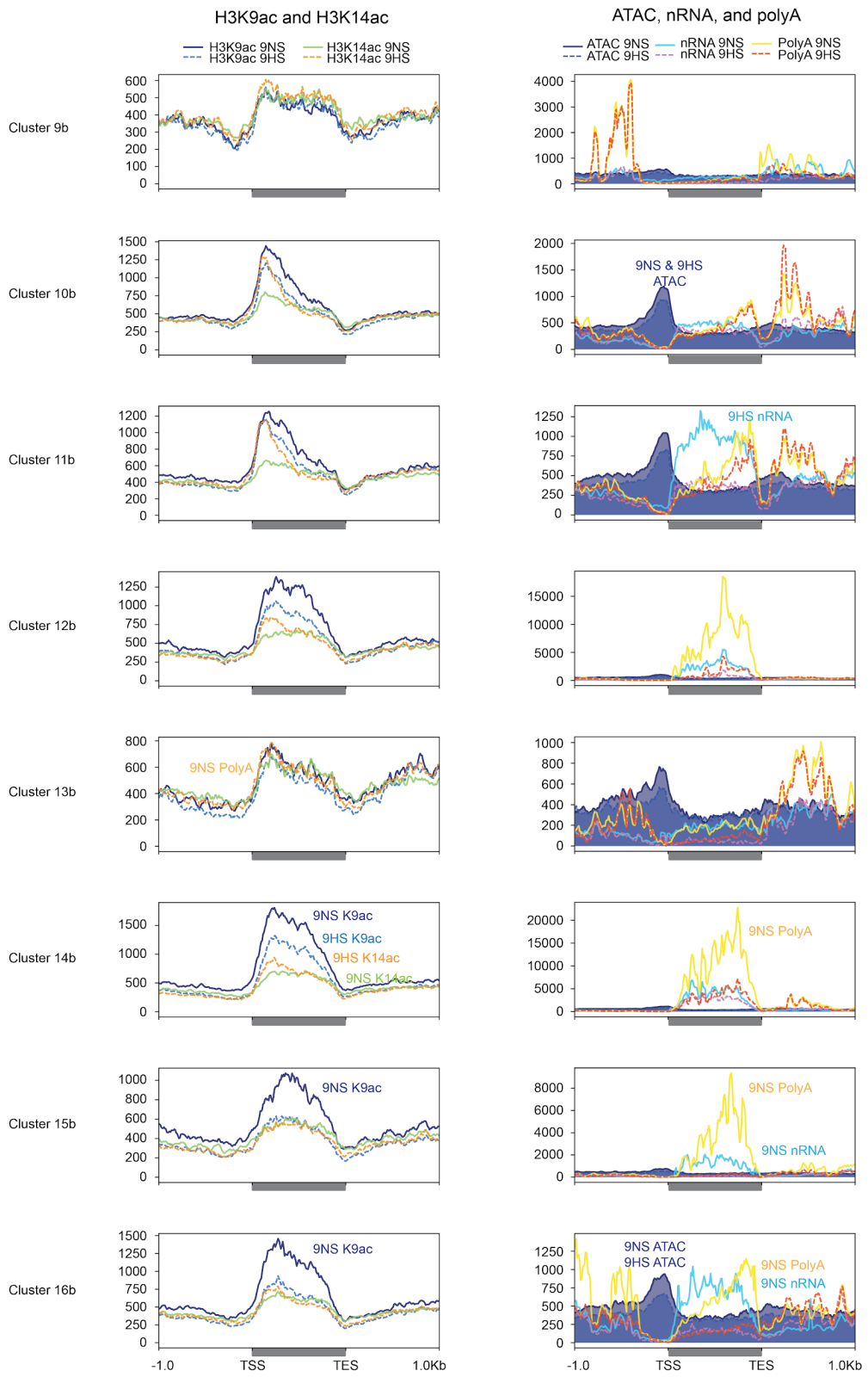

Figure S8. Histone and gene activity comparisons of genes co-regulated after 9 h of hypoxic stress. Average signal of chromatin and RNA data for co-regulated gene clusters identified from the 9 h hypoxic stress comparison (9HS/9NS) in Fig. 6b. Plotting is as described for Figure S6.

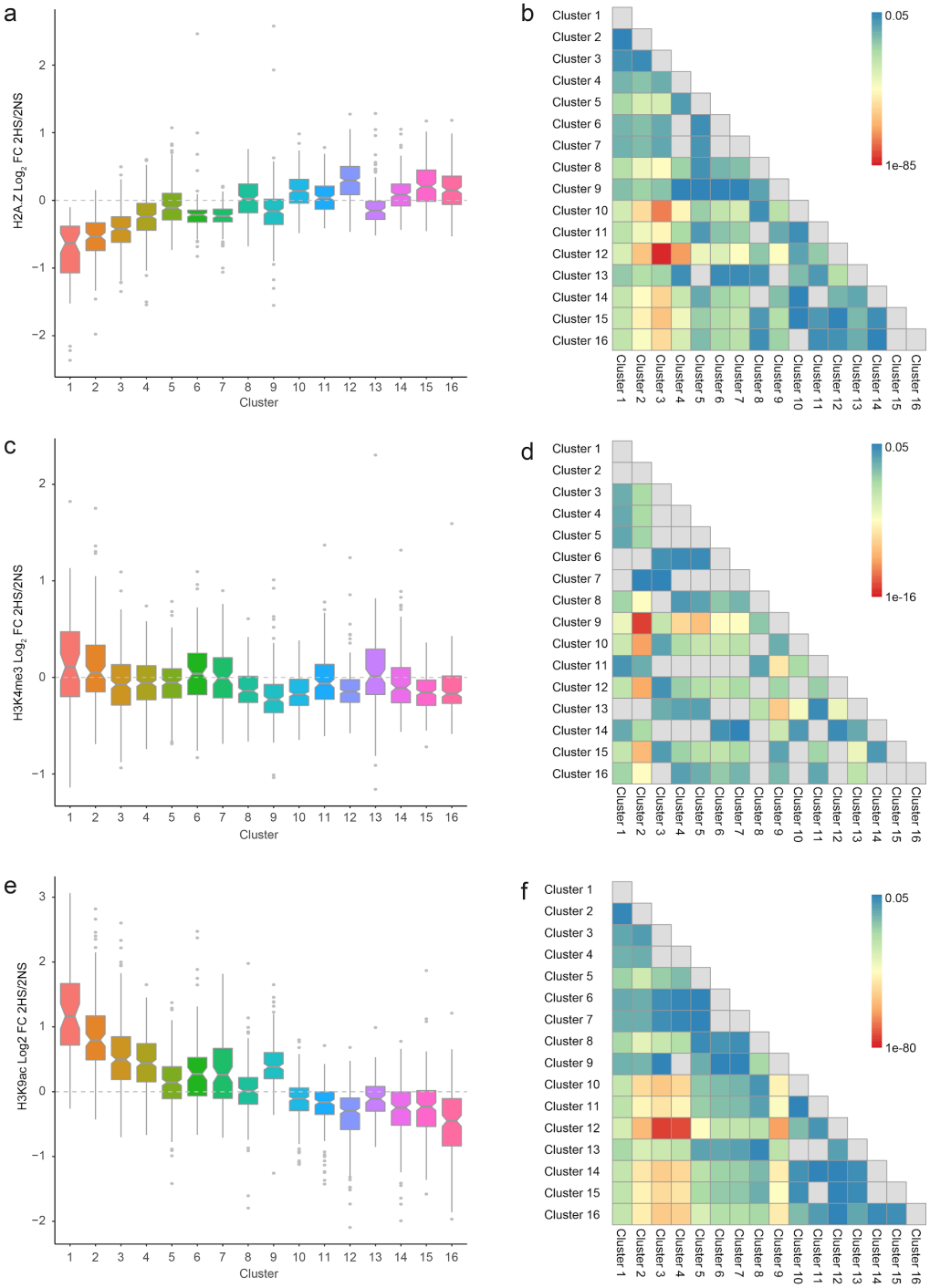

Figure S9. Quantitative analysis of dynamics in histone modifications of co-regulated gene clusters after 2 h of hypoxic stress. a, c, e Box plots of $\log_2$ fold change in response to 2 h hypoxic stress of H2A.Z, H3K4me3 and H3K9ac for the 16 clusters shown in Panels **b**, **d**, **f** provide Wilcoxon signed rank test values of gene clusters in an all by all matrix. Grey boxes denote no significant difference between clusters. Heatmap scale depicts significance values of $p < 0.05$.

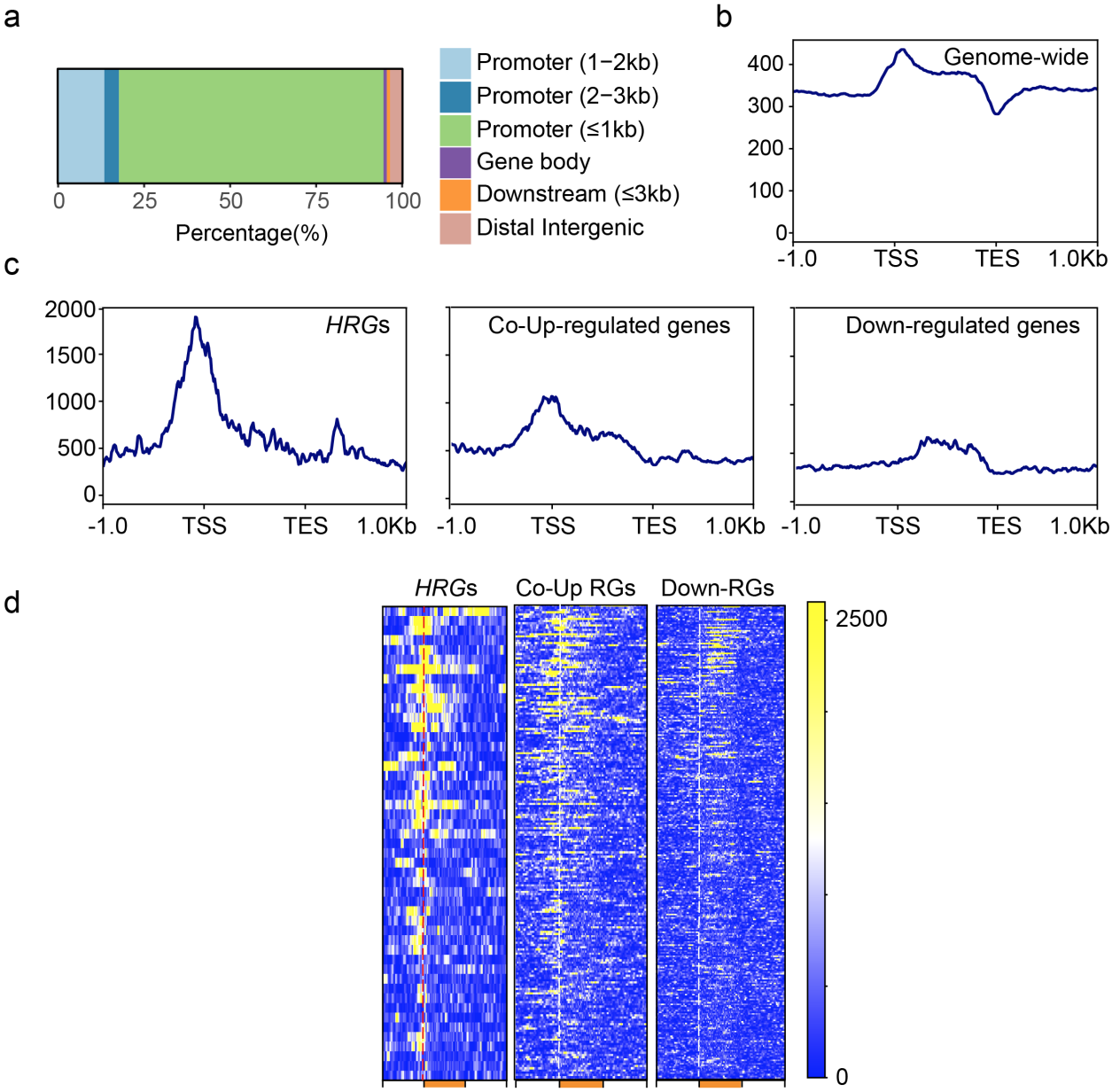

Figure S10. Genome-wide binding dynamics of HRE2 determined by ChIP-seq. **a** Distribution of HRE2 peaks on genomic features. **b, c** Average HRE2-ChIP read distribution in regions spanning 1 kb upstream to 1 kb downstream of gene features: **b** genome wide and **c** for the *HRG*s, Coordinately upregulated genes (Co-Up), and Down regulated genes (RGs). **d** Heat map of the HRE2- ChIP reads for genes in each group (*HRG*s) (n=49) and co-UP (n=213, and down-RGs (n=297). Each row in the heat map represents an individual gene; gene order is the same in all plots.

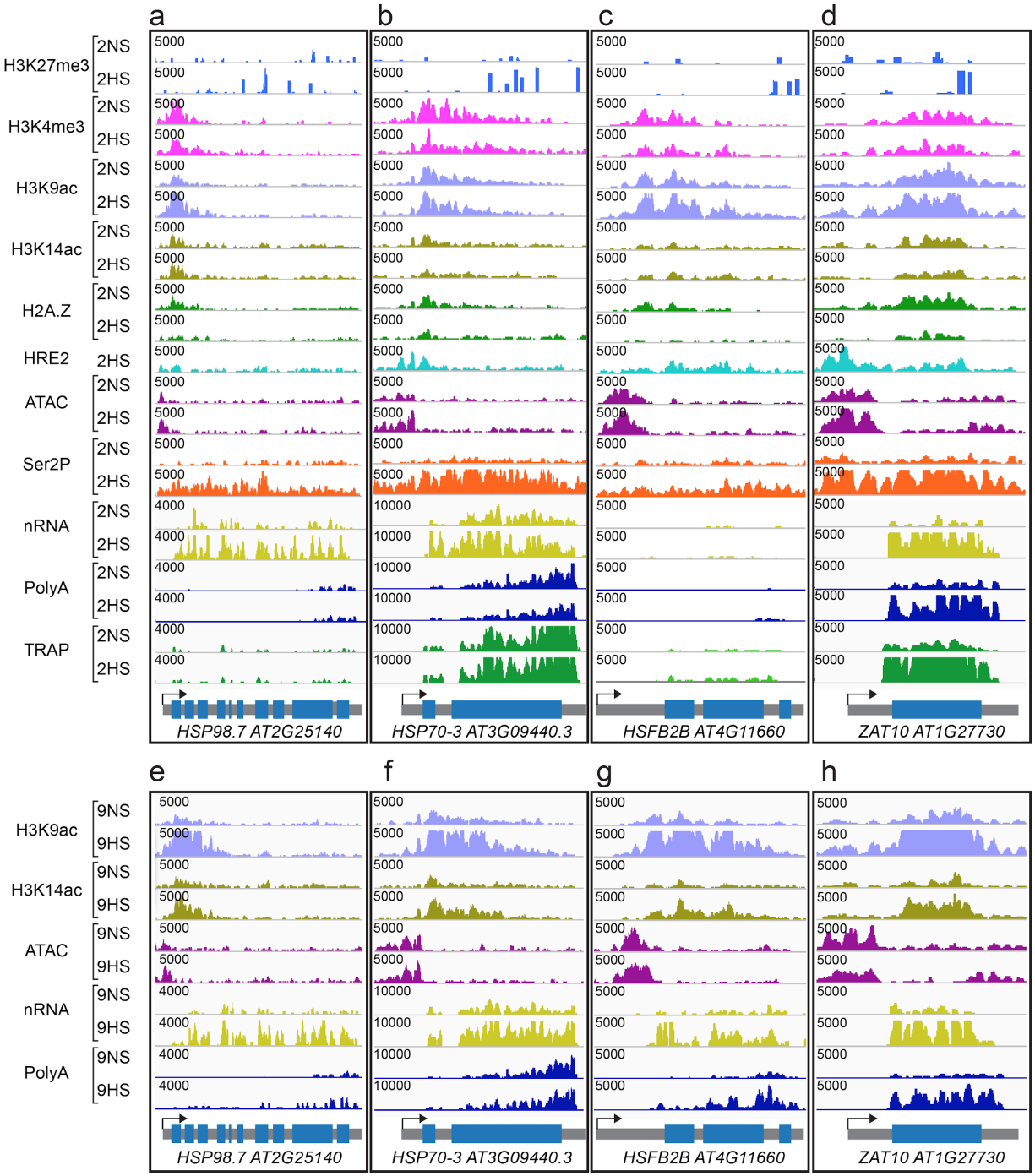

Figure S11. **Genome browser view of normalized read coverage of histone, ATAC-seq, RNAPII-Ser2P, HRE2-chromatin immunopurification and RNA outputs for representative genes of cluster 9. a-d** Normoxia (2NS) and 2 h hypoxic stress (2HS). **e-h** 9NS and 9HS samples. **a,e** *HEAT SHCOK PROTEIN (HSP) 98-7* **b,f** *HSP70-3,* **c,g** *HEAT SHOCK TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR B2B* and **d,h** *ZAT10.* The maximum read scale value used for chromatin based and RNA based outputs is provided. At bottom, the transcription unit is shown in grey with the transcription start site marked with an arrow.